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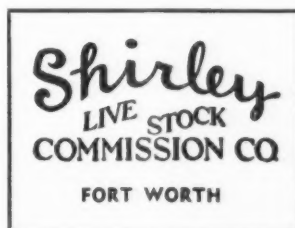
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Just as the officials — the directors of the business corporation — are bound to their best efforts by financial ties of salary or investments so are the individual ranch leaders bound to their best efforts through financial and moral obligations. The thoughtful leaders realize that the industry as a whole is very largely dependent for financial success upon their efforts to protect and promote the industry. Moreover, the ranchman who accepts the responsibility of working for his industry is bound by even greater ties of responsibility than those of financial rewards. His obligation is also a moral one — that of doing his best for his brother ranchmen.

The stockholders in the ranch business, the individual ranchmen, are charged with the responsibility of its support. This responsibility springs primarily from the obligation to family and its welfare. If a ranchman ignores this responsibility and refuses to cooperate financially and with his talents he is simply standing in his own light, hurting his own interests.

The ranch industry is a loosely-knit one with units widely scattered and of varied interests within itself. Nevertheless, each ranchman must realize that it is simply and emphatically necessary for him to have an organization for his efforts in ranching to approach that potential of success of which it is capable. Those ranchmen who have refused to cooperate or neglected to provide financial support may have been successful but it is an accepted fact, if one is fair, that they have been sharing the

success and profits of others without paying their share of the cost. They have been riding another man's horse.

An old ranchman recently deplored the fact that only about half of the sheepmen of Texas are members of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, pointing out how much more effective the organization could be if all ranchmen would be supporting members. The stubbornness, indifference or neglect of the non-member is hurtful to the entire industry at a time when, as never before in the industry's history, an efficient organization is imperative.

The ranchman may complain of drought, labor difficulties, low tariffs, competition from synthetics and from abroad, but no one of these is the essential problem of the sheep and goat industry. The greatest problem confronting the sheep and goat industry is the indifference of too many ranchmen to their own welfare.

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# J. W. Ruegner Has Raised Sheep For A Long Time

"I AM just a Johnson grass farmer but I think I have done pretty well, considering —" and John W. Ruegner hitched at his overalls, puckered his mouth and squinted thoughtfully at the green field out in front of the ranch house, from the hillside on the right to the shin oak breaks on the left — one of the fields which makes Ruegner a Johnson grass farmer.

"—Considering that I have only 340 acres here — just a handfull of land — and have to hire all my work done, but I live just about as well as any of my neighbors who can do all of their work."

J. W. Ruegner is a sheepman and it is through his flock of registered Rambouillet sheep that he has been able to live comfortably with Mrs. Ruegner for more than half a century, rear a family and stay out of debt.

"Yes, Rambouillet sheep and Johnson grass have done right well by me. I found out long ago that if I cooperate with Johnson grass and raise good sheep that I make money — a good living."

"It was a long time ago," he said — "about 55 years, I believe, when I helped my father cut the stones for the steps for this old ranch house, and I have been living in it ever since. Yes, I was born and raised in this community of Katemcy. You know, Katemcy was an Indian Chief around here when my father was a child and maybe traded with the white settlers about boundary lines. I know my father always said that the white settlers didn't treat the Indians right, finally running them plumb out of the country. I remember too about my father and mother talking of fighting going on in the early 70's. Some called it "war" but it was really trouble stirred up by outsiders coming in and stealing cattle. Anyhow, a



**OLD GRANNY AND HER LAST SET OF TWINS**

Mr. Ruegner favors twins and better. Here is pictured Old Granny and her last set of twins. This ewe was ten years old and she had raised seven sets of twins, one set of triplets and one single lamb. Ruegner believes in ewes that can produce and this ewe proved to him that she could produce.

lot of good and bad people were killed.

"My father used to say that old live oak tree out there was at least 500 years old and all around here in his day, and before that, post oak and blackjack was very small — a horse could jump over it — and grass was belly deep to a horse. Then grass made a hot fire when the Indians or lightning set it and that would kill out a lot of prickly pear and brush such as mesquite, and other trash and stuff that is causing so much trouble now days. We are going to have a lot more trouble, too, with some of this brush unless something really good is figured out to kill it because it is spreading fast. I remember, too, when I was a kid this whole country was full of hogs and they would chew up anything they could get to that had a root. They kept down pear, mesquite and a lot of brush.

"Father used to say that it was his misfortune to be one of the settlers to hit the Fredericksburg-Katemcy country with a trade. Father and his father before him were stone masons and good ones, too. A lot of those old houses and buildings in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County was built by my father. He said the settlers with a trade worked at it while those with no trade took up land and went to farming and ranching. They became wealthy but not many tradesmen did.

"I think the country around here is in a lot better shape than it was 30 or 40 years ago — they over-grazed then, too. And this is due to soil conservation practices and the fact that some of the people are waking up."

Mr. Ruegner, tall, slender and solid for his 67 years, has had a rugged time with his ranching and farming career.

"I have had to do a lot of hard work and I guess I have had some pretty bad luck. I was lucky to find out early that sheep will make money on a small place like I got. I bought my first purebred sheep by mail, 34 years ago. My first registered sheep came from L. W. Shaw, Marysville, Ohio, and D. W. Lesh of Merkel, Indiana. I got these through an advertisement in a magazine and I have been trying to raise good sheep ever since."

Back in 1913 Mr. Ruegner had the misfortune to lose a leg.

"This gave me a good excuse for not doing anything so I had to do a little bit more thinking and a little less work."

He also had to curtail some of his leasing. For, when he was most active he was leasing a sizable acreage of ranch land and running several hundred head of registered ewes. Now he has about 100 head of registered ewes on 340 acres.

"I have never been able to show my sheep except once or twice as I

have felt that I would not be able to compete because I couldn't get around too well. I think, however, I have stayed up to date with my breeding and I have looked at a good many stock shows. I have let experience teach me. For instance, I have needle grass all over my place and I know that sheep run on this place should not have a wooly face. Ever since I went into the business I have tried to get wool off the faces of my sheep."

Mr. Ruegner reveals that some of the very few breeders who have furnished additions to the blood lines of his flock have been: Bullard, Day and White, McIntosh, Hodges, and Williams.

He believes that he is hard to please and this is fully borne out in talking with other breeders. "Ruegner knows his sheep and if a ram doesn't suit him he won't buy it," recently declared a veteran Rambouillet breeder. "He has checked my flocks, occasionally bought a ram and I have watched him at the shows for a long time. He is mighty particular."

In talking to Mr. Ruegner one sees immediately that he has some emphatic, vivid and perhaps occasionally hard-headed ideas about sheep breeding. One of his greatest peeves is the "coon footed" ram.



**J. W. RUEGNER**  
(Shown on Cover)

(That is a male with a broken down or weak pastern.) "I just don't want to see any of them around me at any time. Another thing I don't like in Rambouillet sheep is a ram which sires hairy lambs. I just don't like hairy lambs and I may be wrong on this."

Ruegner says that quality and quantity of the wool always counts and he is strongly in favor of fine wool on Rambouillet rams. "I don't like the trend toward coarseness, even though they do tell me that there is no premium paid for Rambouillet wool better than 64's. I like fine wool."

He goes on to point out that it is very difficult to get good covering on the belly of a ram but that it is very important because a well-wooled

## Good Program Planned for the Marfa Meeting of Directors

PRESIDENT Penrose Metcalfe urges all directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association to attend the third quarterly meeting at Marfa, June 6. "The business meeting will be one of the most important of the year and we need the assistance of every director. In addition, you will have a good time as Marfa is doing a fine job of preparing for the entertainment and convenience of the visitors."

The program will be highlighted by a report of Washington happenings influencing the sheep and goat industry by Ray Willoughby, President of the National Wool Growers Association. Mr. Willoughby is perhaps the best informed man in the nation today on the problems confronting the ranch industry as he has been working unceasingly for several months on these problems.

The Mexican labor situation will be discussed. Many deplore the situation that exists today which makes it most difficult to obtain imported Mexican but every effort is being made by the association to secure less red tape and otherwise facilitate the procurement of such labor.

The scabies problem is of less

immediate concern to the sheepmen who are nevertheless watching the scene with care. However, there has been no serious outbreaks of scabies in Texas for many months and probably lifting of restrictions will be forthcoming from the Livestock Sanitary Commission shortly.

The report of the Secretary, Ernest Williams, will be studied with considerable interest. Apparently the Association will show a pleasing increase in membership during the past quarter.

The people of Marfa will entertain the directors' and their wives with a cocktail supper at the Crews Hotel from 7:30 to 9:00 P. M. on the night of June 5. At 9:00 P. M. there will be a dance for the directors and members and their wives at the Paisano Hotel.

On Saturday noon the visiting ranchmen will be entertained with a barbecue at the Fort D. A. Russell in the old officers club.

All business meetings will be held in the auditorium of the Marfa high school.

Every effort is to be made to conclude the business meeting before the barbecue.

sheep on the belly generally is one shearing well. "Any ram that is a sure enough good ram is worth \$500 or more. I don't like to buy high priced rams but prefer to pay high leases for proved rams and I think I have, in a small way, proved that this is good business."

Mr. Ruegner will be 67 years old June 1, having been born in 1886 about where he now lives. He is one of the most optimistic breeders in the industry.

"Of course the future of wool and sheep is good. Fine wool is getting scarcer, there has always been a good demand for it and I believe there always will be. So, I intend to keep on fighting cross-breeding of sheep because it ruins the country's fine wool production. I also intend to keep on culling and never sell one of my top ewes."

"As for cattle, I have long ago found that cattle are no good for a little place like mine. Under the same conditions, with the same labor, I can make \$2 for \$1 on cattle. Except I don't know anything about purebred cattle but that you got to be on top of the world to own that kind of cattle."

Mr. Ruegner sometime ago became interested in having one of the specialists take a look at his flock — "just to see if I am keeping up." That specialist was James Gray of the Extension Service who went through Mr. Ruegner's flock of 115 ewes very carefully, pulled out 15. Later, Mr. Ruegner picked out 50 of the 100 ewes left, which 50 he is using as his top stud flock.

Indicative of the high regard that James Gray holds for these sheep and equally indicative of the success that Mr. Ruegner has had in his work of breeding Rambouillets, is the comment that Mr. Gray made after his visit to the ranch. It is a tribute, and a very deserving one, to a hard-working pioneer in sheep breeding.

"Best bunch of registered Rambouillet ewes I have seen in a long time. It is an excellent flock. The ewes are big and smooth with open faces and unusually good wool quality. Mr. Ruegner has done an outstanding job through the years in building up his flock. Some of the bigger breeders could well take some lessons from him."

## TAX RULING FAVORS RANCHMEN

THE TREASURY Department has apparently given in on the cash basis controversy, and it now appears that ranchmen will be able to shift from the accrual method to the cash receipts and disbursements method in order to take advantage of the provisions of Section 117(j).

This information is forwarded to the Association Office from Mr. Stephen H. Hart, Attorney for the National Livestock Tax Committee, Denver. This Committee represents practically all of the livestock organizations of the United States. This Association as well as the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has sent it several thousand dollars the last few years to finance this important work.

## WE NEED A MORE PRODUCTIVE SHEEP INDUSTRY —

# Will We Meet the Challenge?

By JACK B. TAYLOR

THE UNITED STATES needs a stronger domestic sheep industry. Per capita consumption of wool in this country has increased 54% from the 1934-38 period to 1946-52. We are now producing only about one-fourth of our wool requirements, with three-fourths imported over long sea lanes that could be cut during a world conflict. Our yearly domestic clip would not even supply our armed services under full scale mobilization. We also need a larger domestic wool supply for a buffer to protect our American wool manufacturers, and our people, against fluctuating world wool prices. History of lamb consumption proves we would eat more lamb if it were available.

In only eight years, 1942 to 1949, our stock sheep numbers were reduced from nearly 50 million head to about 28 million — the lowest number since the Civil War. Small increases were recorded the past three years, but forced culling in drought-stricken areas and increased ewe lamb slaughter the past year have probably nullified much of these gains.

### Conditions Favor increased Sheep Production

Conditions are now favorable for increasing our sheep population. The Wool Bureau reports the world is buying fine, apparel-type wools as fast as they are offered — and are continually paying higher prices. Australian auctions close June 30. Better type fine wools in South Africa are about all gone, and the South American fine wools in South Africa are about all gone, and the South American fine wool situation is becoming tighter every day. Foreign fine wool stocks are extremely low. New York clothing markets have failed to realize these wools are being taken so fast, and their catching-up should further improve our markets.

Fat spring lambs are bringing upwards of 27 cents, old crop lambs are enjoying good demands at fair prices, and feeder prices are strong where available feed supplies are adequate. On the other hand, the breeding ewe market is very dull — a situation that should encourage restocking.

### Sheep Outlook Brighter Than Cattle

Sheep are also in a strong position when compared to cattle. While sheep numbers are at a near record low, cattle numbers are the highest ever, and authorities estimate peak cattle numbers will not be reached for three or four more years.

Prices and returns on investments also favor sheep as a grazing animal. Comparative figures better illustrate this advantage. Some sales of May 11 show 2-year-old ewes at about \$15.00, dry 3-year-old cows around \$125.00, fat spring lambs about 26 cents, and prime steers about 23 cents. Assume these prices would hold for three years. A ranchman buying one animal unit in cattle would pay 125.00, would market 2 — 500-pound calves in three years, and gross \$230.00. If he bought one animal unit (5 head) of sheep, he would pay \$75.00, market 15 — 70-pound lambs and 120 pounds of wool (8 lbs. per head per year at 72c) and gross \$360.00 in the three years. The cow would, therefore, return about \$77.00 per year on \$125.00 invested, or nearly 62c on the dollar. The sheep would return \$120.00 per year on \$75.00, or 1.60 on one dollar invested.

Despite the present favorable position for sheep, all sheepmen and all people engaged in agricultural enterprises are going to feel greater economic pressures, according to the estimates of some leading authorities. The sheep business, starting from scratch, so to speak, during its expect-

ed expansion, is in good position to make rapid strides in increased efficiency. Even though each sheep must eat every day and take a year to grow a clip of wool, better quality sheep produce more pounds of better quality wool and more pounds of better quality lamb in proportion to what they consume.

### Better Quality Sheep on Range

Reduction of stock sheep has resulted in better quality sheep on our ranges, because the poorer producers were sent to market. How we go from here in building up our numbers is important to how we can weather the economic pressures we are told lie ahead.

### A Better Job is Possible

There seem to be four most important ways that our American sheepmen can do a better job: (1) Provide an adequate plane of nutrition to allow production commensurate with the sheep's potential (drouth-oppressed sheepmen are probably pretty bitter about this subject by now); (2) Stock the ranges with better quality sheep that have a greater productive capacity; (3) Raise and market a higher per cent of lambs, and (4) Do a better job preparing our wool for market. True, cost of production, disease and parasites, and the many other factors always present to harass the sheepmen are important; but most emphasis must be placed on those phases that offer greatest opportunities for increased gain — increased net income.

### Lighter Stocking Pays More

We can't do very much about our weather, which largely determines range forage. We can do a better job in managing our ranges. Maybe instead of so many sheepmen stocking according to the average rainfall, or upper limits, we will be forced to run breeding stock in proportion to the lower limits and harvest any excess forage during good years with lambs, or other dry stock, held over, as the range management specialists advise. Range trials have shown that net in-

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## TOP RAMS AT TEMPLE SHOW

Breeders representing eight different breeds of sheep grown in Texas participated in the ram show held just prior to the 1953 sale of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas at Temple, May 2.

Shown here are the rams which were placed as champions in the show with the breeder, left to right: Ed Brewster, Jr., who ranches near Temple, holding his Shropshire ram; Hamilton Choat, Olney, Southdown; Louis Nagy, Manager Seven-Eleven Ranch, Boerne, Columbia; Billy Raiden, holding the Hampshire ram of Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson, Plano; Harrison Davis, Dorchester, Suffolk; R. R. Walston, Menard, Delaine; Horace Edwards with the champion Corriedale ram of H. C. Noelke, and H. C. Noelke with his champion Rambouillet ram.



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A LITTLE ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON — AND WHY —

## An Open Letter To The Growers

By ERNEST WILLIAMS, Secretary,  
Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association

THIS IS just an open letter to you and other members of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and to those who are eligible for membership, read the **Sheep and Goat Raiser** magazine but do not support the Association's work by paying their share of its operating expenses.

From time to time a report is made through the **Sheep and Goat Raiser** on what the Association is doing. Every quarter your president reports to the directors and to you what the officers elected by you have been doing regarding industry problems. Each year at the annual convention your president and secretary give reports on the year's activities. Yet, for some reason too few know and recognize the work that is being carried on. If they did, then more sheep and goat men would join with their neighbors in support of their industry.

As you well know ranchmen are very busy — they have plenty to do. But thirty-five years ago a group took time out to organize this association. They did not do this just to be up to date or because it was the style. They recognized that the best way to deal with their common problems was by working together through an association. The association they formed has lasted these thirty-five years because the majority of sheep men still feel the same way.

Thinking that perhaps some of you do not realize the seriousness or the extent of the opposition to your industry or just what it is up against I would like to cover briefly some of the happenings in Washington the early part of May. Whether we like it or not the government plays a big part in your business and mine and it is a part that we must recognize. We can not turn our heads and hide from the problems — they must be faced.

For many years the various state sheep organizations have supported a national association — the National Wool Growers Association — in Salt Lake City. All of the state associations do not have all the problems common to all the other states but for the most part they do. The National has maintained a legislative committee and a Washington representative to work on these common problems. Over the years a great many things beneficial to the industry have been accomplished.

The officers elected to head the National Wool Growers Association at its annual convention in Chicago last December felt that they would have a better chance to get more things accomplished — more of the problems solved — because there had been a change in the administration

in Washington. It was naturally felt that there would be new and different thinking in Washington.

Various segments and interests of the wool industry met in Denver in early February and organized the Allied Wool Industry Committee. If you are still not acquainted with its purposes and goals, read the May issue of the **Sheep and Goat Raiser**. The committee hired Robert Franklin and Associates of California — an agricultural relations firm — to go to Washington and help carry out the policies and goals laid down by the committee.

J. M. (Casey) Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Wool Growers Association and its Washington representative, and Franklin have been in Washington since early March. Their job is a difficult one. They spend weeks gathering material for statements to be made before Congressional committees; they must anticipate what the opposition will do and be prepared to defend the position they have taken.

On April 1, fourteen Western Senators introduced S-1538, the Parity Protection Amendment to the Agricultural Act of 1949. An identical bill had previously been introduced in the House by Congressman Wesley D'Ewart of Montana. This is the bill which would require that all agricultural products, including wool, imported into the United States could not come in at a price less than the American parity price for that product. If it is lower, then a duty or additional duty will be charged the importer to bring the cost up to parity. This is a very important bill to the entire industry.

As commendable and important as the action of these Senators and Representatives is, they did not introduce the bill because they suddenly decided the sheepman needs a break. They did it at the request of their state and national wool growers organizations. Industry representatives assisted them in every manner possible. Letters, telegrams and telephone calls from growers in their own states urged them on and told them of the importance of the bills and what they would do for the industry.

The wool producing segment of

Ewes are already selling higher in West Texas. A month makes a lot of difference. Last month, (April), 400 head of solid mouth bred ewes went begging at \$12.50 a head. They sold in mid-May with a few lambs at their side at \$17.50 and the buyer was hunting more. Sale was made in Kimble County.



the industry spent two days testifying before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to the importance of the Parity Protection Amendment. Ray Willoughby, President of the National Wool Growers Association and Past President of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, spent about four hours before the committee. Mr. J. H. Lemmon, President, National Wool Marketing Association, Lemmon, South Dakota; Irv Jacobs, the president and general manager of a Utah livestock credit association; Clayton Puckett, former TS&GRA president; Governor Aaronsen of Montana; Brett Gray, Secretary, Colorado Wool Growers Association and I also testified in favor of the bill.

After these producers and producer representatives completed their testimony, two representatives of the Boston Wool Trade testified in opposition to any "parity tariff scheme." They were for tariff protection on wool tops and wool textiles, but for a low tariff or no tariff on imports of foreign wool. We had testified in favor of an industry from the producer through the manufacturer protected from cheap foreign competition. They thought that a parity tariff would "injure" the domestic wool grower.

As usual the State Department opposed the bill on parity protection. Senator Aiken, Committee Chairman, said that in his thirteen years in the Senate he had yet to see the State Department favor legislation benefiting agriculture. Casey Jones was given the opportunity to answer the state-

ments made by the State Department opposing the bill.

I mention all this to try to better acquaint you with some of the obstacles your representatives run into in trying to carry out your wishes.

It was about the same thing in the House Ways and Means Committee hearing on extension of the Trade Agreements Act. The committee was holding hearings on HR 4294, the Simpson bill to extend the act. It was not the simple extension as requested by the President.

It would extend the Agreements Act for one year from June 12, 1953, but would include many safeguards for our and other industries not now protected. Those safeguards are:

1. President could not enter into trade agreements until Tariff Commission studied the proposed importations and reported on them and could not cut the tariff duty below figure. Commission found would be "Peril Point" at which American "workers, miners, farmers, or producers" would be injured.

2. Tariff Commission recommendations on "escape clause" would be mandatory and tariff duties would have to be raised where domestic industry is being damaged or threatened with damage with imports.

3. Commission would be allowed less time for findings. It has been studying a wool import case since last October and has still not made any recommendation.

4. Commission would be increased from six members to seven to prevent ties.

Opinion differs whether or not the Simpson bill will become a law. The Administration is wholeheartedly against it though various witnesses for the Administration testified that some of the results the Simpson bill would provide could be provided under existing legislation. The announcement of the imposition of counter-vailing duties against Uruguayan wool tops is an illustration. It was reported also that it would agree to the seventh member on the Tariff Commission. All witnesses have now been heard before the Ways and Means Committee and at this writing the committee is holding executive meetings. By the time you read this you might already know what the Ways and Means Committee passed on. This committee was very friendly and sympathetic to the needs of some industries for protection against cheap foreign competition. I do not believe the leadership will give up easily.

Further reports regarding work in Washington can wait until another month.

You can see from the foregoing that the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the National Wool Growers Association are working in your behalf. They need your continued support. Your warehouse will deduct the 25¢ per bag dues which automatically makes you a member if you will authorize him to do so. If your wool and mohair has already sold send your check direct to the Association office - you will then be supporting the work of the Association.

## WILLOUGHBY ON WOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RAY WILLOUGHBY, San Angelo, President of the National Wool Growers Association, and John H. Breckenridge, wool grower of Twin Falls, Idaho, have been named to represent the producers on a 12-man advisory committee to the United States Department of Agriculture. This group will assist in the operation of the wool price support program.

The Department announces that while the committee will deal primarily with wool merchandising and selling policies for the immediate period, its advice and counsel will be sought regarding other of the wool price support operations. A Production and Marketing official will serve as chairman.

Other members of the committee are:

L. A. Kaufman, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; O. T. Evans, Wool Growers Warehouse & Marketing Co., Casper, Wyoming; Leslie Lyon, M. Lyon & Co., Kansas City, Missouri; S. C. Lukens, Edgehill-Lukens, Inc., Boston, Mass.; J. Frank Dings, National Wool Marketing Corp., Boston, Mass.; Carl Nadasy, Minnesota Cooperative Wool Growers Assn., Minneapolis, Minnesota; Lawrence T. Ritchie, Lawrence T. Ritchie Co., Boston, Mass.; H. M. Chadsey, vice-president, First National Bank of Boston, Boston, Mass.; J. H. Nichols, Jr., Nichols & Co., Inc., Boston, Mass.; Lawrence Ashworth, American Woolen Co., Boston, Mass.

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# Quality-Price Relationships of Graded and Ungraded Wool

By STANLEY P. DAVIS, Wool and Mohair Technician, Bluebonnet Farm, McGregor

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FOREIGN WOOLS enjoy a premium of approximately 10 percent over Texas wools of similar quality. This is due largely to better preparation of the foreign wools for market resulting in lower yarn conversion costs to the manufacturer.

The main objective of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in this wool marketing project continues to be directed toward a study of quality-price relationships. The general failure to market our wools on

a quality basis is considered one of the weakest factors in merchandising our domestic clip.

Research emphasizing quality production, better preparation for market and selling on a quality basis is fundamental to the development of a sound wool industry.

Research activities on this project during the past year have been confined primarily to: grading wool at shearing pens along with careful preparation for market; scouring wool for

determination of clean content; combing of wool from the graded lines to determine the quality of these types when made into tops; and selling on the basis of grade.

## Quality of Wool Studied

In the determination of quality, accurate sampling methods and adequate measurements of the various physical properties of wool must be available. Such information is essential to production improvement and to more effective merchandizing and utilization.

## Grades of Wool

The wools reported in Table 1 are of 64s-80s quality and of 12 months growth. The unstretched staple lengths are: Fine Staple, 2½-3½ inches; Fine French Combing, 2-2½ inches; Fine Clothing, 1½-2, including all "tender" fleeces. "Clippings" is the product of the sheep tagging operation which takes place prior to lambing. "Tags" is the wool swept from shearing boards.

Figure 1 is a graphic presentation of the 1952 graded wool. This chart shows the grades of wool by clips for 42 producers, arrayed from the smallest to the largest. The 10 largest clips showed 12 percent more Fine Staple than the average. The 10 smallest had only slightly more than the average, while the medium-size clips showed about 5 percent less than the average. The medium-size clips showed about 7 percent more Fine French Combing than the average for the group. With notable exceptions, the wool tended to increase in quality with the size of clip.

## Clean Wool Content

Thirty-three bags from 10 clips of graded wool and 16 bags of ungraded wool were scoured individually to determine clean content percentages and their ranges in variation of scour-

ed product. Even though the sample is relatively small, it serves to give a fair indication of variability existing among grades.

A summary of results is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 shows that clean content increases as staple length increases.

## Combing Test

One bag of Fine Staple and Fine French Combing scoured wool was shipped to a worsted manufacturer for combing tests. Table 3 summarizes results of these tests for fineness and staple length.

These samples are too small for definite conclusions but do serve to give an idea of the types of wool included in this project. It is planned to intensify this phase of the project at a future date.

## Prices Received for Graded and Ungraded Wool

The graded lots for 1952 were: 303,263 pounds Fine Staple; 210,000 pounds Fine French Combing and 31,824 pounds Fine Clothing. These wools were sold in November 1952 at the warehouse on a steady market. The Fine Staple wool sold for 75 cents per pound; Fine French Combing for 67 cents and the Fine Clothing for 60 cents, with an average price of 71 cents. It cost 0.2 cent per pound to grade the wool at the shearing pens, leaving a net of 70.8 cents per pound for the graded wool. It should be recognized that in general, the graded wool is better prepared for market than the ungraded.

The ungraded Fine 12 months wool, totaling 562,685 pounds, sold on the same market as the graded wool for a flat price of 65.5 cents. This means that the graded wool of similar quality sold for a net of 5.3 cents more per pound than the ungraded wool.

The 42 ranchmen who had their wool graded at the shearing pen received approximately \$29,000 more for it than they would have received had they sold it ungraded. Had the total Texas Fine 12 months wool clip of 1952 (estimated at 30 million pounds) been sold on this basis, it would have brought an additional 1.6 million dollars.

## Summary

The wool graded at the shearing pens was classes as: Fine Staple, 51.3 percent; Fine French Combing, 35.5 percent; Fine Clothing, 5.4 percent; and tags plus clippings, 7.8 percent. As in previous reports, there is a tendency for the larger clips to have a higher percentage of Staple wool.

Thirty-three bags of graded wool and 16 bags of ungraded wool were scoured to determine the clean content. Results of these tests show that clean content increases with the length of staple. The ungraded wool had only a 0.2 of 1 percent lower yield, which indicates that the wools were very similar in character. Both graded and ungraded wools showed wide variation in yield per bag.

Comparable prices received for graded and ungraded wools showed a net difference of 5.3 cents per pound of the graded wool. This resulted in the growers of the graded wool receiving approximately \$29,000 more than had they sold on an ungraded basis.

Table 1. Summary of graded 12 months Fine wool

Year	No. clips	Fine Staple, lbs.	%	Fine Fr. Comb.	%	Fine Clothing	%	Clippings & Tags, lbs.	%
1948	59	345,504	45.7	270,079	35.8	75,506	10.0	64,569	8.5
1949	79	618,805	51.9	376,021	31.5	61,649	5.2	136,071	11.4
1950	75	513,328	48.1	307,695	28.9	131,667	12.3	114,123	10.7
1952	42	303,263	51.3	210,000	35.5	31,824	5.4	46,514	7.8

Table 2. Variation in clean content by grade

Grade	Number bags	Range in variation from average, %	Average variation average of total, %
Fine Staple	19	m4.7 to p9.3	2.0
Combing	13	m6.7 to p8.5	m2.3
Fine Clothing	1		m7.4
Ungraded	16	m8.3 to 11.8	m0.2

p-plus; m-minus

Table 3. Length and fineness of tops

Grade	Fineness spin counts	Average length, inches	Standard deviation, inches	Coefficient of variation, %
Fine Staple	70s	3.13	1.24	39.62
Fine French Combing	70s	2.83	.81	28.62

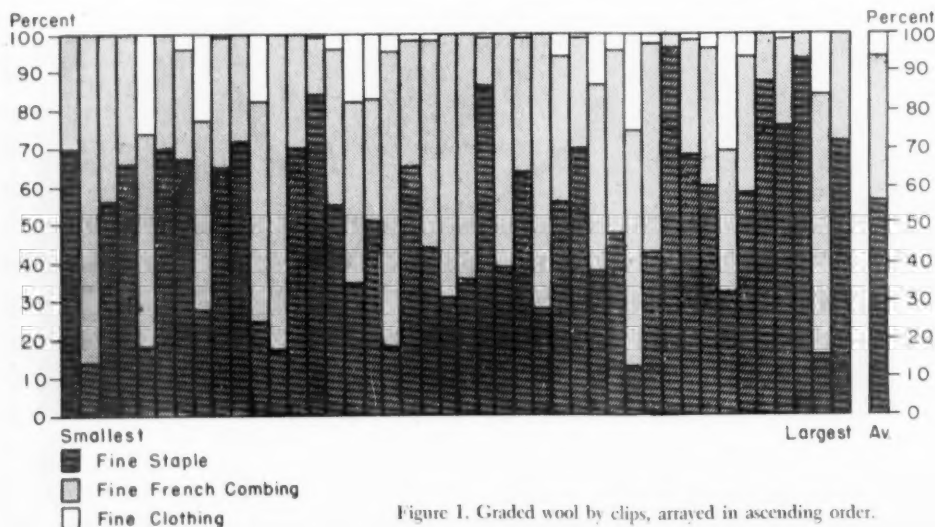


Figure 1. Graded wool by clips, arrayed in ascending order.

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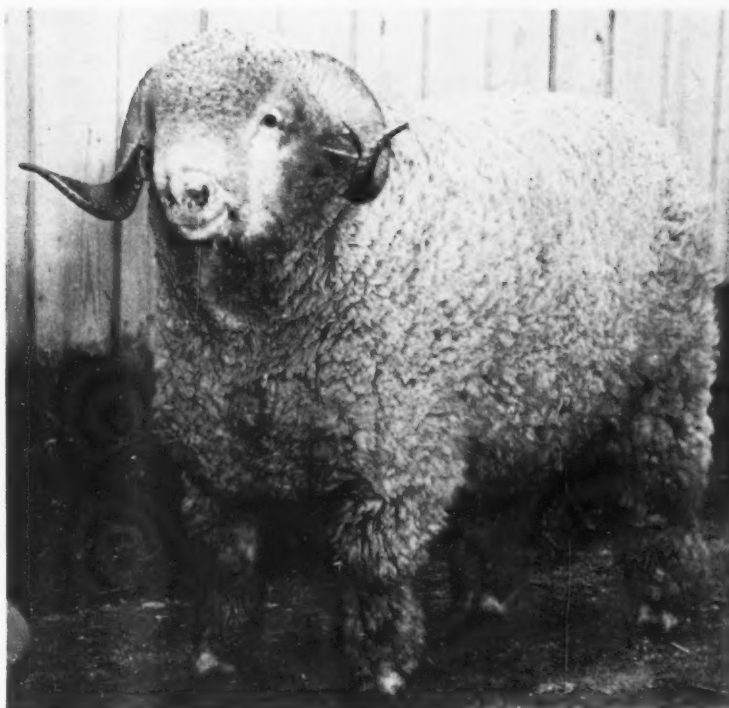
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# Washington Parade

By JAY RICHTER

IT LOOKS less and less as if the new Administration is going to practice what it preaches on tariffs. In speeches and at press conferences in Washington, top level Eisenhower men still talk of "liberalized" trade policies.

They want, they say, fewer restrictions on imports, and lower tariffs. These we must have, they add, if foreign nations are going to earn enough dollars to increase purchases in this country.

What will happen, on the other hand, is something else again. Here are only a few straws in the wind:

(1) Eisenhower & Co. are asking Congress to kill Section 104 of the Defense Production Act that permits the Agriculture Secretary to impose strict quotas on imported commodities. Instead, the Administration wants to give the Tariff Commission full authority to use milder restraints on imports. It now looks like a better than even bet that Congress will kick up its heels and go against administration wishes on this issue.

(2) Eisenhower is also pushing for extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act — as is — for another year, so that the administration may "study" the whole foreign trade picture. The president may get his way on this one, but it won't be easy.

(3) Despite talk of lower tariffs, Eisenhower has appointed high-tariff men to important jobs. Perhaps the outstanding case in point is Commerce Secretary Weeks.

Among defeats the Administration may suffer on the tariff question is the issue of wool. Observers here now think there is a fair chance legislation will be approved to give domestic growers "the full parity protection" against wool imports.

Sponsored by 14 senators, the bill has support from the Senate Agriculture Committee, as well as wool grower organizations. Officially, the measure is probably to be opposed by USDA; unofficially, some higher ups at the department see a need for the legislation, or something like it.

Many USDA experts think the proposal is "unworkable" in its present form — however they may feel about its objective.

There is no blinking the fact now, that Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson is in deep trouble with farmers. Growing dissatisfaction with the secretary is revealed in letters on Capitol Hill, as well as in "grass roots" reports funnelling into Washington from all areas of the country.

Generally speaking, the secretary is praised as a man of sincerity and good intentions. Of the same time, however, his approach to farm problems is severely criticized.

The Democratic political strategists here are losing no time in exploiting the apparent trend against the secretary. If it continues and grows you can look for them to turn on still

more heat. They aren't saying so publicly, but administration leaders are plenty worried. They now think the "farm problem" may be the major obstacle to administration victory in congressional elections next year.

Criticism of Benson is likely to continue and to grow as long as markets drop. Historically, Agriculture Secretaries are not popular in periods of general price decline.

If prices pick up, Benson's popularity is sure to do the same. In most cases, as the law permits, Benson has acted to keep markets on a level keel. At the same time, there is little question that he has hurt himself unnecessarily by talking overtime about the need for lower supports in a period of agricultural deflation.

Deflation policies of the new Administration are under fire here from some farm quarters. There is general approval of the Eisenhower intention to "harden" the dollar by cuts in federal spending, increasing interest rates, etc.

What the critics say they fear is that the Administration will overdo it. A little bit of deflation, they point out, can be just as hard to control as inflation. Farm critics are quick to point out that agriculture is already in a deflationary cycle, and that aggravating the trend could bring on an economic recession across the country.

Their fears may be somewhat overwrought. Federal spending cuts, for one thing, won't be nearly as deep as advertised by the GOP during the campaign. For another, Treasury Boss Humphrey is one of the ablest men in the new Administration, and probably won't take any risks that can be avoided.

Declines in land values in recent months are disturbing officials here. Values have dropped in most areas, with Texas, Montana and other western states hardest hit due to (1) poor cattle markets, and (2) dry weather.

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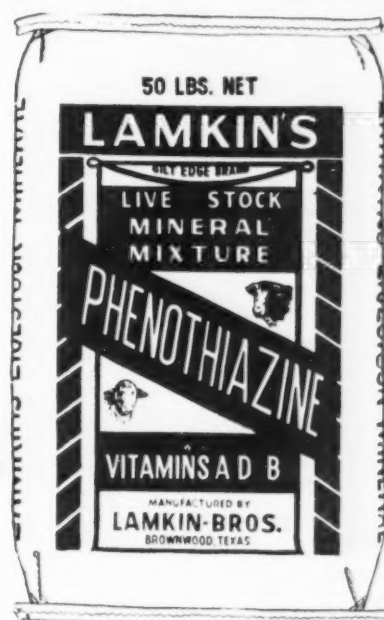


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### EXPERIMENTS PROVE IT SO—

# Are Twin Lambs Profitable on The Range?

FEW SHEEPMEN of the southwestern ranges have favored twin lambs. Many will tell you that they have done away with hundreds of lambs during their sheep-raising lifetime in order to give the ewe "a better chance to raise a good lamb rather than two runts." Even now, many sheepmen are not inclined to allow the ewe to carry two lambs although the killing of a twin is viewed with considerable more hesitation than in years past. It is not unusual to find a sizable bunch of orphan lambs on the smaller ranches being raised to weaning stage by the hand-feeding method. And considerable more time is being given to the problem of getting a wet ewe with no lamb to adopt an orphan or a twin.

The factor which tended to influence the sheepman to get rid of one lamb of a pair was the thought that the ewe couldn't properly suckle two lambs. A study of this in West Texas has proved to many sheepmen that on adequate range the ewe can raise profitably two lambs and that it is quite senseless and wasteful to kill a lamb. Some sheepmen are beginning to look forward to a lamb crop featuring many twins and contrary to the practice of many sheep-

men in an earlier day of southwestern sheep history the ewe that made a practice of twinning is no longer viewed with disfavor.

The rather general belief that twins would grow out to be uneven in size, that a ewe could not produce enough milk to raise two good lambs and the gross income from one good lamb would be higher than from a pair of uneven twins was well founded only in those areas of scant forage. Overstocking and drouth results in the depletion of the range and to the unsatisfactory mothering of one or more lambs. A better understanding of sheep husbandry and range conservation has contributed considerably to the eradication of long-standing erroneous notions.

The work of N. A. Jacobsen, Livestock Specialist with the Montana State College, which has been recently published is well worth the study of any serious-minded sheepman. In this period of short sheep supply any contribution which will aid the ranchmen in saving more ewes and realizing more net income from his investment and labor merits appreciation. These conclusions about twin lambs and some supporting figures follow:

1. Ewes do not necessarily have one light lamb and one heavy lamb at birth. They appear to have sets of twins which may be heavy or light. This is shown in the following table which groups lambs into three categories according to the lightest twin:

**BIRTH WEIGHTS OF TWIN LAMBS**  
(Grouped by birth weight)

	8 Lbs. and Under	8 to 9 Lbs.	Over 9 Lbs.
No. sets of twins	75.0	28.0	31.0
Lightest lamb	7.1	8.7	10.1
Heaviest lamb	8.5	9.8	10.8

2. Weaning weights of twin lambs tend to be in direct proportion to birth weights. This table shows weaning weights for the corresponding lambs shown above:

**WEANING WEIGHTS OF TWIN LAMBS**  
(Grouped by birth weights in above table)

	8 Lbs. and Under	8 to 9 Lbs.	Over 9 Lbs.
No. sets of twins	75	28	31
Lightest lamb	69	72	78
Heaviest lamb	72	75	81

3. Weights as replacement yearlings also tend to be in direct proportion to birth and weaning weights with very little difference between the average weights of singles and heaviest twins. This table shows that yearlings also gain in direct proportion to birth and weaning weights.

**WEIGHTS OF REPLACEMENTS**

	Weaning Wt. 9-10-51	Wt. Before Shearing June 5	Grease Fleece Wt.	Yearling Wt. 9-10-52
Singles — lbs.	84.6	96.5	9.4	120.7
Heaviest twin — lbs.	76.0	96.4	9.3	118.9
Lightest twin — lbs.	69.3	88.5	8.7	111.7

4. Rates of gain during the first winter and following summer are much the same for all twins and singles. According to the following table twins gain just as rapidly as singles.

## RATE OF GAIN DURING WINTER AND SUMMER

	Weaning Wt. 9-10-51	Avg. Daily Gain To June 5	Avg. Daily Gain June 5 To 9-10-52 <sup>a</sup>
Singles - lbs.	84.6	.04	.35
Heaviest twin - lbs.	76.0	.08	.35
Lightest twin - lbs.	69.3	.07	.33

<sup>a</sup>The June 5 weights were taken before yearlings were shorn. The fleece weights (shorn June 5) were subtracted before the average daily gain during the summer was figured.  
The rate of gain during the winter was much higher for the twin lambs than for the singles.

5. Under conditions similar to those at the Montana Experiment Station ewes with twins are much more efficient than ewes with single lambs. Ewes with singles are only approximately 68% as efficient as ewes with twins. Compare the returns from singles to twins in this table:

## RETURN FROM SINGLES COMPARED TO TWINS

Types of Birth	Avg. Wt. Lbs.	Value Per Lb. <sup>a</sup>	Return Per Ewe	Difference
Singles	83	22c	\$18.26	
Twins	71	19c	\$26.98	\$8.72

6. Although environmental conditions have greater influence on twinning than heredity the heritability of twinning is, however, estimated at 15 to 20 per cent.

All this adds up to a fairly positive case in favor of twins. One question remaining is the milk production of the ewe. A ewe with twins will give more milk than if she has only a single lamb. An estimate would be from 50 to 70 percent more depending on conditions. Apparently the added stimulus of suckling two lambs will cause greater milk production than with just a single lamb.

## Kimble County Livestock Group Makes Constructive Efforts

ONE OF THE most aggressive livestock organizations in the state is that of the Kimble County Registered Livestock Breeders Association. It has a membership of twenty or more members, all of whom appreciate the constructive efforts possible through group action. They have become quite indifferent to those petty arguments and differences which always tend to hold back community endeavor and add nothing to the individual benefit. Working together as a group the Kimble County Livestock Breeders have definitely raised the level of livestock quality not only in Kimble County but in adjacent counties. Helping each other they have found that they have been helping themselves too. Financial reward, the admiration and praise of associates, businessmen in and out of the county, are only part of the reward for their cooperative effort. Probably the most satisfying reward to these cooperators is that feeling of

achievement springing from unselfish, constructive work.

C. B. Chenault of Junction, while only a young breeder, is leading this group at present, gaining confidence, experience and knowledge as he works for the association.

R. R. Walston, whose address is Menard, is vice-president, and Ola Mae Itz of Harper, another young breeder, is doing a fine job as secretary.

The organization has tentatively set the first day of August for the 1953 show date. Private sales will be held and the members will offer Rambouillet, Delaine and Suffolk sheep and Angora goats. All livestock offered will be registered. The winning animals will be awarded premium money. In addition, the Sears County Show will be held.

In the past, good crowds have attended the breeders' show and 1953 is expected to be the best attended in the organization's history.

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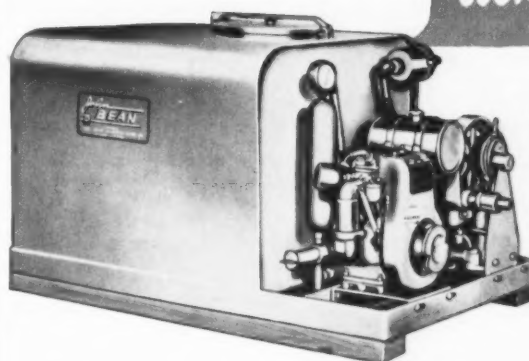
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# Ram Progeny Tests Complete Fifth Year

THE RESULTS of the fifth annual ram progeny tests were studied and discussed on May 16 in a field day meeting at the Sonora Experiment Station. Cooperators and interested ranchmen and visitors met to check the progress of the progeny and to consider several problems relating to range management, breeding practices and feeding. The program was in charge of Dr. W. T. Hardy, Experiment Station chief.

Dr. D. A. Price, station veterinarian, immediately gained the attention of the audience of about 125 as he presented the results of the station's tests with hormones. Tests were conducted with 64 ewes divided into two groups. One group treated with the hormones responded immediately and about 75 per cent were bred; of the untreated group only 9.4 were bred. However, the hormone-treated ewes conceived only 12½ per cent, while the untreated ewes conceived about 55 per cent.

Dr. Price held that treating the ewes with hormones did not produce the results desired — that of controlled breeding but that other than a delay in breeding time there were no adverse affects.

James M. Shelton, a scientist who

has made considerable research on the affect of heat on the fertility of rams, pointed out to the interested group that excessive heat in the summer had proved detrimental to good breeding results. He brought out charts of summer heat variations and indicated that the fertility of the ram was in direct proportion to the severity of the heat. During the hottest part of the summer he pointed out that the ram's fertility was negligible or completely sterile. He indicated that best results for fall lambs came as a result of early breeding before the oppressive heat of the summer.

Others on the program discussed various phases of the livestock business. D. W. Williams, Vice-President in charge of Agriculture at Texas A & M College said farmers have made more notable progress than have the ranchmen and that such projects as the ram progeny work are needed badly. He also was of the opinion that the range grasses which have done well through drouth period should be regarded highly — a phase of ranching just as important to success as the stud ram especially in the regressing of the range.

Dr. J. C. Miller, Head of the Ani-

mal Husbandry Department of Texas A & M, insisted that the sheepmen can do a better job, that they can no longer ranch profitably on get-by basis with sheep producing no more than a 60 per cent lamb crop. He declared that the selection of sheep based on performance alone is not the answer to the growers' problems.

"If we're going to maintain the potential our sheep have we must provide the proper environment, provide the feed requirements to meet the need of the animal."

J. H. Jones, lamb and feed specialist with the Texas A & M College, discussed many phases of securing the proper ration under existing conditions.

Dr. W. T. Magee, an animal breeding specialist with the college, who has been cooperating in the progeny test, "The results are most favorable. There has been constant improvement in most phases especially in fleece weight. The gaining ability of the progeny has shown marked improvement in the first three years although it has leveled off in the last two. The other traits indicated in the test have varied from year to year but in each studied improvement has been evident over the first year."

Dr. R. E. Patterson, vice-director of the Experiment Station, was of the opinion that research and study was the only solution for continued progress. He praised the cooperators in the progeny test and encouraged them to greater activity.

## The Test in its Fifth Year

The idea behind the progeny test is not that of competition between the flocks of various cooperators rather it is that of checking one breeder's sire group against the average for that breeder's own information. With such knowledge the breeder is able to adjust his practices in an attempt to achieve better results.

That being the basic objective of the test a series of charts presented

here would have only incidental value to the reader.

The cheapest gain obtained in the test where all rams were fed similarly in similar pens was obtained by Experiment Station rams, four of which gained 117.2 for an average daily gain the last 196 days of .52 pounds or 7.46

(Pictured Below)

## VISITOR MEETS WILLIAMS

One of the visitors during the field day at the Ranch Experiment Station was Dr. L. L. Roux, Agricultural Attache from the Union of South Africa. Mr. Roux is shown here conferring with D. W. Williams, Vice-President in charge of Agriculture at A & M College. The visitor was quite pleased with his trip to the Station and declared that much work along similar lines could be done with South African sheep.

## DR. D. A. PRICE

Dr. Price, Ranch Experiment Station official, has made some interesting discoveries about the use of hormones gave the results of his work on the ram progeny field day program

## LOUIS "PORKY" BRIDGES

One of the young Rambouillet breeders in West Texas is Louis "Porky" Bridges of Bronte, Texas. He is the son of B. F. Bridges and is a partner with his father. Their Rambouillet sheep have been very successful in the show pens, in the sales and on the range.

## COOPERATORS IN PROGENY TEST

Front row (l. to r.) H. C. Noelke, Sheffield; Wallace Hendricks, San Angelo; John Williams, Eldorado; Leo Richardson, Iraan; Oscar Carpenter, Ranch Experiment Station; Carlton Bierschwale, Segovia; Pat Rose, Jr., Del Rio.

Second row: Ed Guy Branch, Big Lake; Dr. Bill Kammlade, Texas A&M; Rod Richardson, Iraan; R. Q. Landers, Menard; W. L. (Tom) Davis, Sonora; Miles Pierce, Alpine.

Absent: A. B. Culberson, Brownwood; Heard and Otho Whitefield, Friona.



(Pictured at left)

**MR. AND MRS. C. HODGES**

Newly married couple is Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hodges. Clinton is the son of L. F. Hodges of Sterling City who has been breeding Rambouillet sheep for more than 25 years and he says that a lot of his work is being taken off his shoulders by Clinton and his newly acquired helpmate who are now living on the Hodges ranch southwest of Sterling. Mr. Hodges is living in Sterling City.

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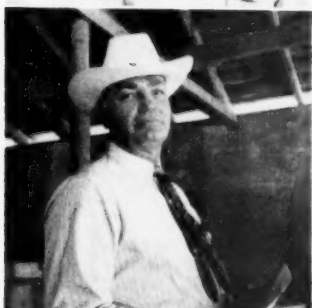
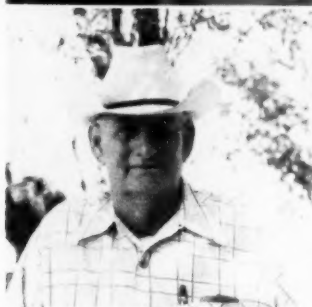
A veteran ranchman is E. M. Peters of Kerrville. Mr. Peters, a leader in any project pertaining to the ranch industry, was the first superintendent of the Ranch Experiment Station at Sonora. He served as its head for nearly a decade.

**ROD RICHARDSON**

Rod Richardson, Iraan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Richardson, is a registered Rambouillet breeder in his own right and is becoming a well known sheep judge. Rod was one of the cooperators in the ram progeny test.

**DR. W. T. HARDY**

Greeting the visitors and guiding the program was W. T. Hardy, Chief of the Ranch Experiment Station, Sonora, during the recent field day held for the ram progeny test, May 16. Dr. Hardy is a veterinary graduate of Texas A & M College.

**A. B. CULBERSON**

Another of the newer sheepmen making fine progress is A. B. (Lon) Culberston, Route 1, Brownwood. He has built his flock around the well-known bloodlines of the Simmons flock of Brownwood.

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Newcomers to West Texas and to the Ranch Experiment Station is the Magee family. Dr. Magee, whose home was Albany, Texas, is a specialist in animal breeding, taking his studies at Iowa State College and Texas A&M. He is pictured here with Mrs. Magee and their daughter, Kathy.



pounds of feed per 100 pounds gain. The daily gain average of .52 pounds per day was likewise made by a pen of four of W. L. (Tom) Davis rams. Davis rams also showed a top clean weight of wool at 10.3 pounds. These were Rambouillet rams.

The Corriedale sheep made an average gain per day of .45 with a requirement of 826 pounds of feed per 100 pounds of gain. These sheep showed a staple length of 4.54. These were bred by H. C. Noelke of Sheffield. His Rambouillet pen had the top staple length of 3.91.

Columbias owned by Heard and Otho Whitefield of Friona, showed an average daily gain for the top pen of .46 pounds and required 908 pounds of feed per 100 pounds gain.

A complete analysis of pens of the individual breeders can be secured by writing the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station for Miscellaneous Publication 94.

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## Annual Rambouillet Sale Is Scheduled For July 16-18

THE REGISTERED Rambouillet sheep breeders will hold their 17th Annual San Angelo Ram Sale at the Fields and Johnson Sale Barn July 16, 17, and 18. It will be sponsored by the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association, without the aid of the San Angelo Board of City Development. BCD Fairground facilities were completely demolished by the recent tornado and their personnel have their hands full as a result of the storm.

At a meeting May 15, Texas officers of the Rambouillet Association appointed last year's Sale Committee to conduct the Sale. This Committee again elected Leo Richardson of Iraan, Texas, to be its chairman. Mr. Richardson will be the Sale Manager

and Association Secretary Jack B. Taylor will act as Sale Secretary.

Other Committee members are: R. O. Sheffield, San Angelo; John Williams, Eldorado; Clyde Thate, Burkett; Pat Rose, Jr., Del Rio; H. C. Noelke, Jr., Sheffield; Miles Pierce, Alpine; L. F. Hodges, Sterling City; Dempster Jones, Ozona; Louis Tongate, Brooksmith; and Carlton Bierschwale, Segovia.

The Committee voted to make no changes in last year's rules. Each consignor will put his best two rams in one large pen, and a Committee of 5 registered breeders will select from this group those that are of stud quality. Studs will be rated as number one and number two caliber. This Committee will also pass on pens of

three nominated to sell as A-B-C pens, where the buyer has the privilege of taking one, two, or all the rams. Not more than ten ABC pens will be sold.

The Sifting Committee which examines all the rams for quality and defects will probably be more critical this year than ever before. They will have to hold the number of rams down because of reduced sheep numbers.

Members of the Sale Committee expressed some misgivings in regard to prices they may receive for the offerings this year; however, they were unanimous in approving Leo Richardson's statement that even though conditions did not look too favorable, the Sale should be held and the rams sold to give buyers who have paid good prices in the past the benefit of any bargains.

Registered Rambouillet breeders have selected their best rams for consignment to this Sale. Sheepmen who will need rams for the coming breeding season will do well to look over the offerings. Possibly never before could better rams be purchased more worth the money, and this is the time to buy rams that will make rapid flock improvement.

Authoritative sources predict that fine wool will be in short supply. Stock sheep numbers are critically low and must be replenished. Ewe lambs of replacement ewe quality will command more than enough premium as breeders to justify purchasing the best sires obtainable.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook, Maryneal, have taken a five-year lease on the Moore Ranch some 26 miles west of Fort Stockton, buying also about 2,000 head of sheep, 115 cows and calves on the ranch.

J. E. (Spud) Tatum's Vocational Agriculture class of the Rocksprings High School recently won first place in a national judging contest in which the judging team comprised of Buddy Ellis, Douglas Dixon and J. H. Fryar successfully placed five classes of dairy cows. Nearly sixteen hundred high school teams competed.

R. I. Reid of Woodville, Texas, has recently purchased the Earl Lomax ranch 18 miles south of Rocksprings.

San Angelo livestock dealer, Roscoe Graham recently sold about 600 head of various age solid-mouth ewes with lambs at \$7 straight across from pastures in Burnet County. Lambs were estimated at weights up to 50 pounds. They went to M. P. Leonard of Dallas.

Tommy E. Tatum, vocational agriculture instructor and advisor at Sanderson has resigned to accept the county agent position of Val Verde County, effective June 1. Herman Jenkins, former County Agent of Val Verde County is to assume an agricultural assignment under Point Four program of the government and will be in Tripoli for the next two years.

W. O. Langner, Knippa, in early May consigned some 36 head of Spring lambs to the San Antonio market with \$22.50 and \$21.00 the prices paid.

Bill and Herman Dicke and Fritz Thame of Knippa sent 22 cows and calves and three hogs to the San Antonio market May 18. Bill Dicke well-known for raising top hogs says that he paid \$54 for the three hogs on March 7 and received \$154.59 for the three when sold at San Antonio. The calves sold at 22.50 and the cows (fat) brought 12.50. Bill also commented that he wished the load had been 22 hogs and three calves instead of as mentioned above as he would have made more money.

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# Historic Distribution Changes Of The World Wool Supply

By RUTH JACKENDOFF, Director  
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WITH BUT little change in the world supply from that of the mid-thirties, the world distribution of wool since the end of World War II has undergone changes reflecting both economic and political shifts in many countries. Looking ahead, further changes in distribution are likely as a result of rapid strides in man-made fiber developments, of growing textile self-sufficiency and of continuing government efforts to narrow foreign trade deficits.

At the present time, major wool consuming countries of the world are in the process of recovering from a protracted recession during which world wool consumption fell slightly below the annual rate of world wool production for the first time in the postwar period. Since the war accumulated stockpiles of wool have been liquidated, total consumption in any year can be only as big as the clip, plus carryovers from low consumption years. The high consumption levels of the early postwar years could be achieved only through greatly increased production by the supplying countries.

## Radical Changes in Wool Economy

No other country's wool economy has changed since the mid-thirties as dramatically as that of the United States. This is illustrated in the summary below comparing postwar with prewar consumption in the United States and in the rest of the world. Estimates of consumption for 1952 are based on a 10 months' annual rate for the United States and on a nine months' annual rate for the world.

While total consumption in the United States increased over five times as fast as population, in the rest of the world it increased about one-third as fast. The net effect is revealed in per capita consumption changes. Per capita consumption in the United States averaged 54% higher in the postwar than in the prewar period, while in the rest of the world it averaged 6% lower. Recent trends in the United States toward lower rates of per capita consumption than prevailed during the early postwar years, and in other major wool consuming countries towards higher rates, will modify these differences in the future.

## U. S. Influence on Wool Markets Important

The influence of the United States in world wool markets, however, will remain important for two basic reasons:

(1) U. S. wool production declined 35% from 1934-38 to 1946-52 contrasted to an increase of 6% in world production, and (2) The lower U. S. per capita wool consumption in recent years will be offset in total consumption to an indeterminate extent by rising population.

The foregoing changes in consumption have resulted in some major shifts in the relative importance of the world's major markets for wool. These are shown in table on page 22.

## U. S. Triples Wool Imports

The most striking change is seen in the virtual tripling of the U. S. share of total world imports from 10% in 1934-38 to 29% in 1946-50. Even at the reduced rate of 1951 purchases, the U. S. share was still about one-fourth of the world total. The decline in Germany's share of the total from 11% in the thirties to 5% in 1946-50 is explained by the political division of Germany into the Federal Republic and the Eastern Territory. However, there is no corresponding rise, as would be expected, in the U. S. S. R.'s share or Poland's share of total imports even in as recent a year as 1951. Indeed, whatever information is available from behind the Iron Curtain indicates a strong policy of textile self-sufficiency in conjunction with accelerated expansion of defense industries and consumer goods austerity. Under such policy, foreign exchange for raw wool purchases is restricted no doubt to military and essential civilian needs.

Japan's prewar importance as a wool market was reduced sharply in the early postwar years to foreign exchange limitations and rehabilitation policy which concentrated recovery efforts on the more lucrative cotton and rayon industries. Since the signing of the peace treaty, the free government of Japan has liberalized its policy toward raw wool imports, particularly as large sterling balances became available. In 1951, Japan was the fourth most important wool importer compared with the sixth during the mid-thirties. In 1952, it is likely to be even more important.

The wool textile industries of the (Continued on page 22)

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Per capita consumption, lbs.	0.96	2.6	0.86
1946-52, average			
Consumption, mil. lbs., clean	2,402	601	1,801
Population, millions	2,377	149	2,228
Per capita consumption, lbs.	1.01	4.0	0.81
Percent change, prewar to postwar			
Consumption	p17%	p82%	p4%
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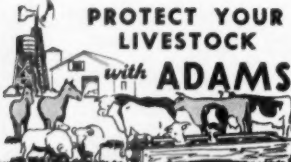
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## WORLD IMPORTS OF RAW WOOL—ACTUAL WEIGHT, MIL. LBS.

Major Countries	Average 1935-39		Average 1936-50		1951		Percent of World		Percent Change in Volume of Imports 1951 to 1952	
	Rank	Amt.	Rank	Amt.	Rank	Amt.	1935-39	1946-50	Period	%
United Kingdom	(1)	629	(2)	557	(2)	507	27	21	Jan.-Oct.	p29
France	(2)	403	(3)	446	(3)	354	17	17	Jan.-Sept.	p2
Germany (a)	(3)	260	(6)	137	(7)	108	11	5	Jan.-Sept.	m10
Belgium	(4)	226	(4)	219	(5)	126	10	8	Jan.-Sept.	m21
United States	(5)	225	(1)	776	(1)	555	10	29	Jan.-Oct.	m10
Japan	(6)	188	(9)	28	(4)	120	8	1	Jan.-June	p6
Italy	(7)	79	(5)	178	(6)	119	3	7	Jan.-Sept.	p40
U.S.S.R. (b)	(8)	68	(8)	43	(9)	42	3	2	n.a.	
Poland	(9)	46(c)	(7)	48	(8)	50(d)	2	2	n.a.	
Total above		2,124		2,452		1,981	91	91		
Total world		2,522		2,694		2,291	100	100		

(a) For Western Germany beginning September 1947, therefore not strictly comparable with prewar. (b) Refers to present territory in Europe and Asia. (c) Average 1935-38. (d) Refers to 1950. n.a.—not available, p—plus, m—minus.

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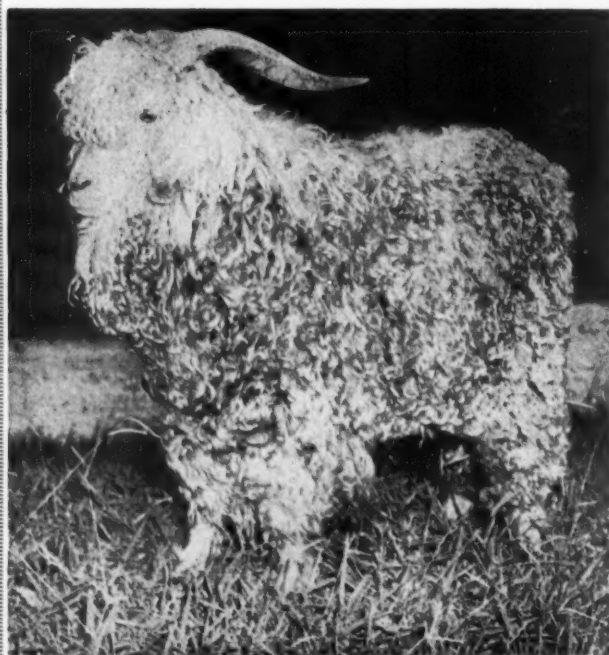
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## Distribution

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United Kingdom, France, and Belgium experienced fairly rapid recoveries from the war, and priority was given to recapturing their foreign markets before restrictions on internal clothing consumption was relaxed. These countries are relatively less important importers than they were before World War II. Italy was fortunate during the early occupation years in obtaining large quantities of wool textile business on contract from the other Western European textile producers and required double the volume of raw wool that it imported before World War II in order to meet these obligations. Today it is becoming increasingly important as an exporter to Western European and American markets.

### European Wool Requirements Complicated

The entire problem of European wool requirements is complicated by the changing pattern of its foreign trade in wool textiles. Although each of the Western European countries is making strong bids for the dollar market through government subsidies in the form of monetary incentives and rebates, at least one-half of their total trade is intra-European. This tends to nullify the purpose of the subsidies, at the same time that it leads to intensive competition between home products and imported goods. As a result, there may be striking year-to-year shifts in the relative importance of individual European raw wool customers while the total European share of world imports changes very little.

European competition for wool textile markets has penetrated the United States with some important implications for the future. In three quarters of 1952, for instance, imports of apparel fabrics had risen to 7% of domestic production of civilian apparel fabrics from less than one percent in 1947. By far the major share of these imports originate in the United Kingdom, but its share declined from 87% in 1947 to 70% in 1951. This trend was reversed in 1952 when it rose to 80%. The amount of raw wool, either domestic or foreign, represented by 16 million linear yards of fabric imports — the 1952 annual

rate — is not counted in the statistical records of raw wool consumption in the mills. By the same token, total and per capita U. S. wool consumption are understated.

### Wool Top Imports Show Tenfold Increase

Not so U. S. wool top imports, which have been growing both in volume and relative to production and consumption. These are counted statistically in mill consumption, but like imports of fabrics, reduce the demand for either domestic or foreign raw wool. During the first three quarters of 1952, the annual rate of wool top imports — over 20 million pounds — was over 10 times the 1949 rate. This volume represented 12% of domestic consumption of wool tops contrasted to 1% in 1949. Although more than 80% of this top came from Uruguay in 1952 — and represented 61 times as much as was imported from that country in 1949 — several other countries have grown as sources of wool top supplies. These include France, Belgium - Luxembourg, the Union of South Africa, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and West Germany. Argentina, which was an important supplier in 1950 and 1951, was less so in 1952 than in 1949. The United Kingdom has declined as a source of wool tops since 1950.

Incomplete data preclude a conclusive examination of raw wool distribution changes during 1952, since purchases in the current season's wool auctions are not included. However, part-year data shown in the earlier table suggest that some important shifts will be revealed when annual figures are available. Thus a 40% rise in Italy's and a 29% rise in the United Kingdom's imports of raw



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wool reflect an earlier recovery from the textile recession than some of the other countries. It is surprising that France has increased its imports in view of continuing reports of depressed textile conditions. Japan's import gains are likely to be much greater than the 6% reported for the first half-year period since its purchases at the wool auctions have been making headlines.

The sharp decline in U. S. wool imports indicates a lag in the recovery of this country's wool textile industry. In addition, the psychological impact of the new synthetics on wool-buying policy should not be underestimated. As the world's testing laboratory for new fibers, backed by fabulous consumer advertising and promotion, the United States is witnessing a tremendous challenge to the promotion of wool. That it will survive is already apparent in the growing trend toward the mixture of the new synthetics with wool in order to eliminate certain of their basic defects. It would be presumptuous at this early stage to state didactically that U. S. wool requirements will not be affected in the future. However, the increasing use of wool in mixture fabrics and the growing population will continue to require large imports. Only a sharp rise in domestic wool production could effectively modify present import requirements.

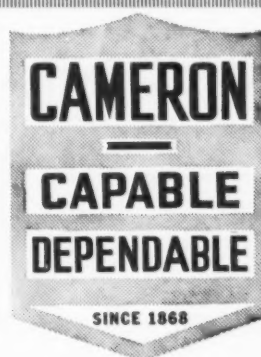
Limitations of space prevent a consideration of the changing pattern of demand from less important wool-consuming countries or of the shifts in sources of supply of major consumers. As one of the few primary

commodities which move freely in international trade, wool is highly sensitive to the competitive demand forces. Consequently there is no fixed pattern in the quantity or direction of its movement, but rather a frequently changing one.

The large share of world imports being taken by the nine major countries (shown in the earlier table) obscures the fact that the five major supplying countries are themselves consuming more of their own wool at home than before World War II, in effect reducing the return movement of finished wool products. The world, with its population increasing geometrically needs ever-expanding supplies of all textile fibers, including wool. The tendency toward industrialization of backward areas and toward expansion of home textile industries in former importing countries suggests that the future movement of raw wool will radiate from the major supplying countries to first-stage consumers than in the past.

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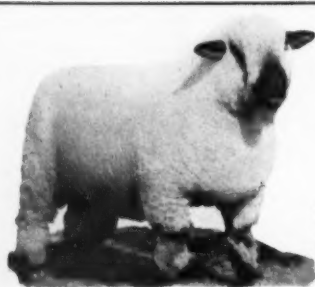


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It's cheaper to raise younguns here in the range country, where you give a boy a boss and saddle and he's happy. Back east where they never saw a cow, every kid has to have a black velvet Hopalong suit and silver-plated six-guns.

He had to lay up the presidential vot. I can't buy a new bottom plank for the home-made rowboat I keep for catfishin' on the waste ditch. Cotton grower down the road is tradin' in his Caddilack on a little ol' Buick. Things is tight all over.

Gabe Horsfall says there was three bad spring freezes out his way. Two was sent by the weatherman and he brought on the other by askin' his wife about visitin' his folks instead of hers this summer.

Our preacher says this will go down in history as the golden age. Well, there sure never was another age that cost so much.

Fodge Rucker was awful sick last week and I sent our vetinary over to look after him. Sure don't want him dyin' before he pays off that note I'm on.

The Republicans is tryin' to make a plumb easy job look hard. All they gotta do is fix it so's we can sell for more and buy for less. Then we can pay higher taxes and the budget'll be in balance.

I'm waitin' for National Bird Week to ask some expert what the samhill our feathered friends eat between times when we plant our gardens and gram crops.

There's just two kinds of farmers around here. One kind is too busy farmin' to live and the other kind is too busy livin' to farm.

In the big towns of Texas they charge ten cents for coffee that's water with a dash of black mud in it.

In the small towns of Texas anybody'd get shot if he charged a dime for coffee that didn't have a dash of merrywanna juice or loco extract.

He plays pasture pool. Truman plays the pianner. F. D. R. collected stamps. Ain't been a president with the common touch since Hoover, and he didn't fish like his heart was in it.

Young Shadscale Johnson is payin' a terrible price for bein' forgetful. Asked for a job and forgot to mention he was my nephew. Got put to work right away.

Big fuss over a feller in Washington with eight phones in his home. Out here that'd be almost enough for a family with two school-age daughters.

I wondered what the catch was when the community asked me to pay a tribute at the old-timers picnic to the members that had died in the last year. Then I found out there hadn't been no deaths in the last year. So I'll pay a tribute to the members that oughta died.

My spouse, Manzanita, fussed all spring that I was too triflin' lazy to raise her any flowers. So I got mad and bought her a store bookay in town. Stole her egg money to do it.

Quag Tofer says he'd break loose and buy a truckload of them gadgets garmited to end household drudgery, only they wouldn't do him no good. The same old household drudge would be there.

There ain't no such thing as an ill wind. Maybe it blows down the trees, but at the same time it knocks over the televishun arials.

My grandpaw had a lot of advantages that I don't. He woulda been scandalized at the notion of marryin' a woman that painted her face, brushed her teeth and wore shoes. Now there ain't no other kind.

I never pay no never mind to a letter with a big IMPORTANT stamped on it. No letter that was really important would be sent to me.

Sure, Grandpaw had to fight Injuns. But he had a chance to lick 'em. Me, I got to fight tax collectors with no chance at all.

Squawberry Flat is appvin' to the State Fair Commishun for county fair aid. It's a fact we ain't a county and we wouldn't fool with no dang fair, but we could sure use the aid.

In America the majority rules but it ain't never satisfied.

Josh Blicker says his wife took that Clean up, Fix up, Paint up campaign too serious, and backwards. She painted herself up, fixed him up with a busted head, and cleaned out the Headgate saloon.

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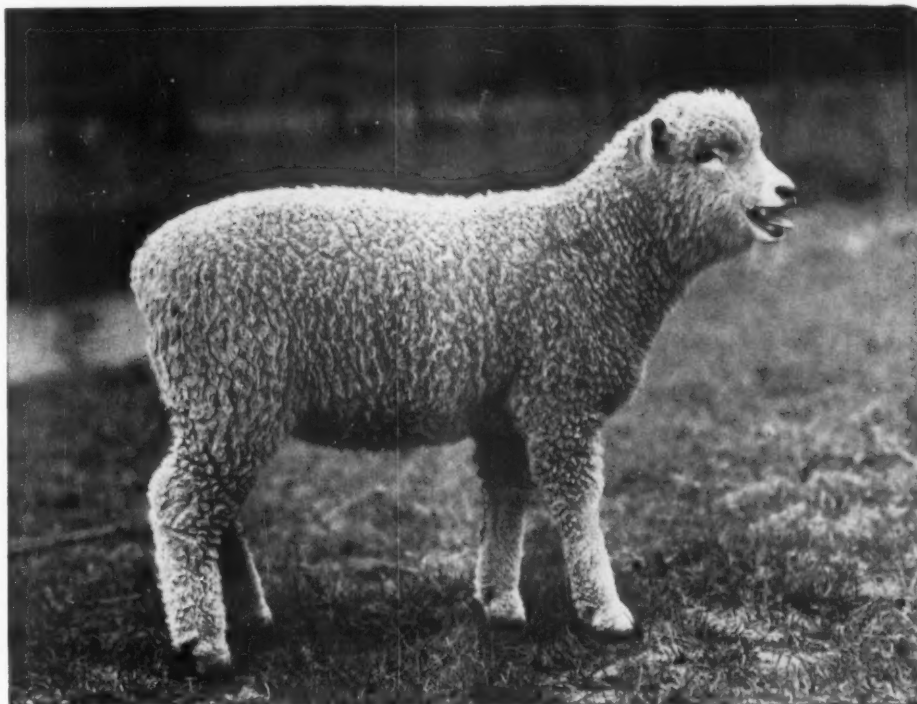
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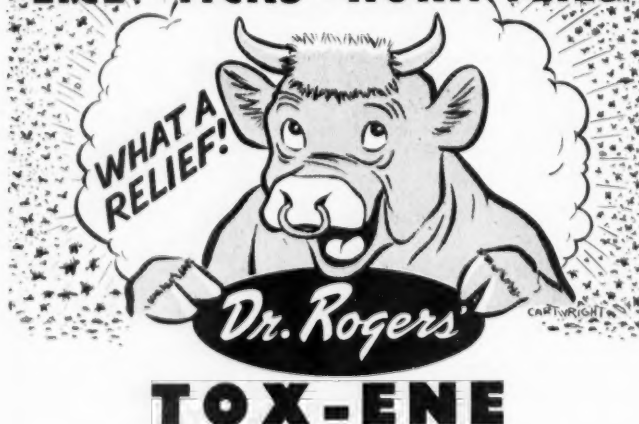
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The firm was organized in 1950 and opened for business February 1. It can be called a sprout from the old Findlater Hardware Company of San Angelo, which dropped much of its activities and became a wholesale organization in that year. Two of its former employees, Elgin Young and C. C. Baggett, with E. S. (Peck) Young formed a company and its operation since that time has met with striking success.

Elgin Young was an employee of Findlater Hardware windmill and pump department for twenty-five years and it is doubtful that many men can point to such a lifetime of experience in guiding the course of southwestern water.

E. S. Young, or "Peck" as he is generally known, had his own windmill business which he relinquished to join his brother and Mr. Baggett in the new business. He was formerly with the West Texas Lumber Company windmill department for many years.

Old timers will remember the Crowther Hardware Company of San Angelo, guided by Sam Crowther, a pioneer and highly regarded windmill man. John Young, father of E. S. and Elgin Young, worked for many years with this firm and as soon as his young sons were able to work they started on the job.

Mr. Baggett was in the Findlater windmill shop for several years and is an experienced parts man. His present work is largely in that field.

The Young-Baggett Supply Company moved recently to 418 South Oakes and is probably the largest outfit of its kind in West Texas. It services all types of irrigation and water systems in addition to installing and repairing windmills.

On the Frank Smith place near Water Valley, Young-Baggett Supply Company recently installed a Berkeley Turbine pump operated by a 91 horse power Hercules engine, a job in which the firm takes great pride. The well is 90 feet deep, pumps 1,400 gallons of water per minute and will furnish adequate water for 130 acres of farm land which Mr. Smith intends to plant in alfalfa and small grain.

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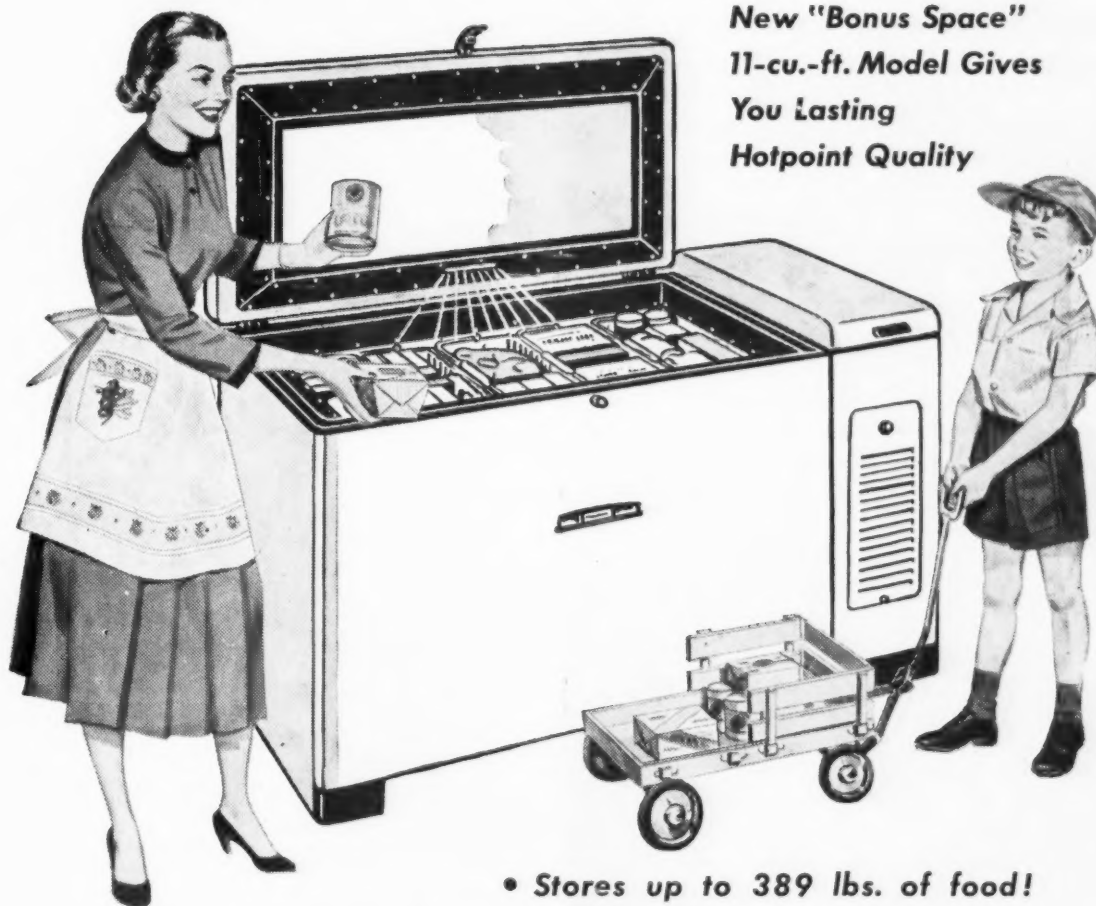
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# Sonora Wool and Mohair Show Is Scheduled July 1-2

THE SIXTEENTH Annual Sonora Wool and Mohair Show sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club will be held July 1st and 2nd, 1953. The show which features the showing of wool and mohair for both adult and junior exhibitors also features the largest junior wool and mohair judging contest in the state. Juniors also judge sheep, goats and range plants and the ambition of each contestant in the junior judging contest is to win the overall high individual award which

goes to the boy making the highest total score on all divisions of the judging contest.

### Plenty of Competition This Year

At this time there are about sixty individual fleece entries and seven bags of wool in the Sonora Wool & Mohair Company warehouse which indicates there will be plenty of competition in spite of adverse weather conditions. Single fleece entries of wool should exceed all past records if a large percent of the club boys who exhibited breeding sheep this year bring their fleeces to the Sonora Show.

### Adult Wool School Planned

An Adult Wool School is being planned for the second day of the wool show with the judges and other wool experts taking part on the program.

A special effort is being made to encourage more adult participation in the wool show this year because it is felt that much of the educational value of the show is lost because more adults do not attend and take part in the show.

### Adult Plant Judging Contest Included

This year the show plans to conduct an adult plant judging contest which will be conducted exactly like the identification part of the junior plant judging contest. The same list will be used for the adult and junior plant contest so that fathers can study with their sons for this contest. There will be no team entries in the adult contest and all adults excluding supervisors of the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District and professional agricultural workers will be eligible to judge. Both adult and junior plant judging contests are being sponsored by the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District which will make special awards to high individuals of both contests.

### Rule Change for Mohair Exhibit

Special attention is called to rule change for exhibitors of mohair kid fleeces which grade coarser than 32's will be shown in the aged classes. This rule became necessary because too many fleeces from well grown kids were being barred from the show because they were not fine enough to be classified as kid hair.

### Wool Firm Furnishes Prize Money For Bag Classes

The Sonora Wool & Mohair Company is putting up two hundred dollars in prize money again for two bag classes of aged ram fleeces. There is a class for eight months wool and twelve months wool. All fleeces must be from aged rams which have been shorn at least one time prior to their spring shearing. There is no limit on the number of fleeces per bag but bags must be fully packed.

**Record Books Required For Juniors**

All junior exhibitors who plan to enter wool or mohair in the bag classes must also enter a record book. Other junior exhibitors may enter a record book if they choose.

Awards will be plentiful again this year even though they may not be quite as plentiful as they have been in past years because of the severe drouth in this area.

Trophy cups will be awarded in the junior division to the over-all high individual in the judging contest, the exhibitor of the Grand Champion fleece of wool, the exhibitor of the Champion fleece of mohair, the exhibitor of the Champion bag of mohair and the exhibitor of the Champion bag of wool. The high four over-all high teams in the judging contest will receive banners with the members of each of the over-all high teams receiving medals. The seven high over-all high individuals will also receive medals. High teams and high individuals in each division of the junior judging contest will receive ribbons. The exhibitors of the Grand Champion bag of wool in the adult division will receive a rotating trophy cup which must be won three times by an exhibitor to become his permanent property.

The most coveted award of all in the junior division is the rotating trophy cup presented by the Sonora National Farm Loan Association for group participation. Banners will also be awarded to the high four 4-H Clubs or F. F. A. Chapter for group participation.

Catalogues, entry tags, and record books are available and may be obtained by writing Clint Langford, County Agent, Sonora, Texas.

**PROGRAM**  
Tuesday

5:00 P.M.

All entries of wool and mohair must be in the warehouse of the Sonora Wool & Mohair Company, Sonora, Texas. Registration and grouping of judging contestants.

7:30 P.M.

Supper.

8:30 P.M.

Wild Western movies at the Elementary auditorium. All meals will be served at the School Cafeteria. Meal tickets will be \$5.00 for six meals.

Wednesday

7:00 A.M.

Breakfast

8:00 A.M.

All Record Books must be turned in to the Show Committee. Judging of livestock by contestants. Judging of bag entries of Adults and Juniors.

9:00 A.M. Adult Plant Judging  
NOON Luncheon  
1:00 P.M.

Judging of Wool, Mohair and Plants by contestants. Judging of single fleece entries of Adults and Juniors.

7:30 P.M.

Supper

Thursday

7:00 A.M.

Breakfast

9:00 A.M.

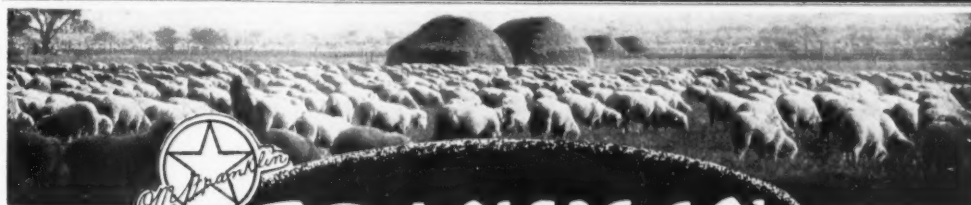
Continuation of Judging. Adult Wool School.

Noon — Luncheon — Awards will be presented at the Sonora Lions Club Luncheon.



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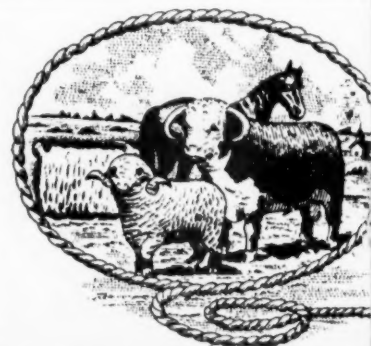
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THE SONORA Wool and Mohair  
Show has added an adult plant judg-  
ing contest to its program this year.  
The contest is sponsored by the  
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Plateau Soil Conservation District  
who are also conducting a similar  
contest for 4-H clubs and FFA chap-  
ters.

The contest will be held Wednes-  
day morning, July 1 at 9:00 a.m. The  
high individual will receive a Navajo  
saddle blanket as first prize.

List of plants to be used in the  
contest may be obtained from county  
agents and Work Unit Offices of the  
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#### CALENDAR

June 6: Texas Sheep and Goat Rais-  
ers' Association Third Quarterly  
Directors' Meeting, Marfa.  
June 19: Texas Delaine Sheep Breed-  
ers' Association Annual Member-  
ship Meeting, Coleman.  
June 20: Texas Delaine Sheep Breed-  
ers' Association 23rd Annual Sale,  
Coleman.  
June 26: Wittenburg Annual De-  
boullet Sale, Menard.  
July 16-18: San Angelo Ram Sale,  
17th Annual. Sponsored by the  
American Rambouillet Sheep  
Breeders' Association, Nelson  
Johnson sheep barn, San Angelo.  
July 1-2: Sonora Wool Show, 16th  
Annual. Sponsored by the Sonora  
Lions Club, Sonora.  
August 1: Kimble County Registered  
Livestock Breeders' Association  
Annual Sale at Private Treaty.  
(Tentative) Fairgrounds, Junction.  
August 6-7-8: Texas Angora Goat  
Raisers' Association Show and Sale,  
34th Annual. Membership meet-  
ing and Coronation of Miss Mo-  
hair, Fredericksburg.  
August 29: Texas Corriedale Sheep  
Breeders' Association Annual Sale,  
Fredericksburg.  
September 3-5: Miss Wool Fashion  
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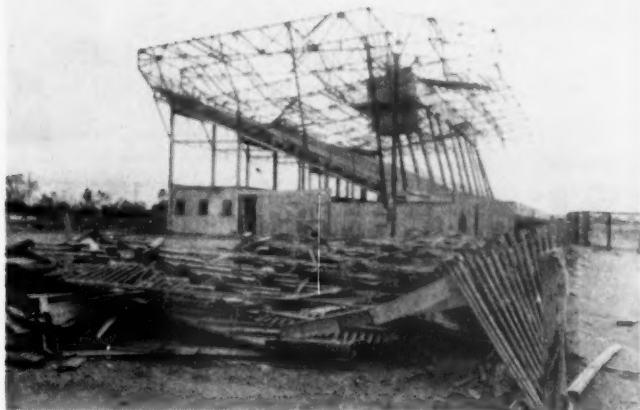
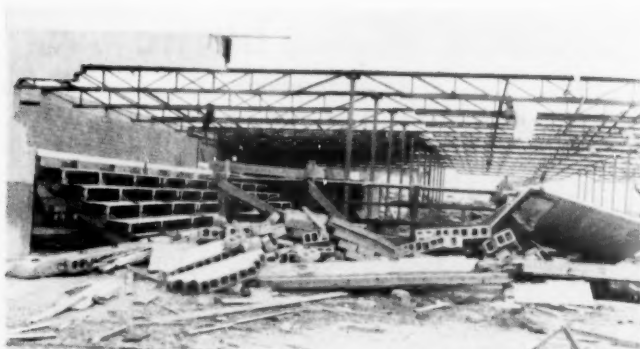
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(Top) Southside of the cattle barn.  
(Bottom) The grandstand, warped, roofless.

## Sheep Barns Are Total Loss

THE DISASTROUS tornado which struck north San Angelo on the afternoon of May 11, destroyed or damaged about 300 homes and business houses, schools and churches and killed ten or more people. It also almost completely demolished the physical facilities at the San Angelo fairgrounds site of the San Angelo Fat Stock Show and Rodeo held in the spring and the annual Rambouillet Sheep Sale held in the summer. Only a few hundred dollars of salvage can be expected in the cleanup of the grounds, excepting the horse barns at the extreme north end of the grounds, which were only slightly damaged. The home of caretaker Treadwell, northwest of the grandstand, was wrecked.

(OPPOSITE PAGE)

(Top) The sheep barns of wood roofed with tin stood the weather for more than a third of a century but gave in to the winds of a minute or two. The scene looking south. The barns began at the light posts on the left.

(Center) The cattle barn was constructed of concrete blocks, reinforced concrete and steel and roofed with lumber covered with asphalt. The ruins shown on left, sheep barn on right. Cattle barn roof seemed to go north, tin of sheep barn roof to the south and various other places.

(Bottom) Looking west from the office in the ruined cattle barn. Office remained practically intact.

## NEW MEXICO WOOL SELLS IN ALBUQUERQUE

SOME 400,000 pounds of wool were sold at a sealed bid sale at the Wool Warehouse Company in Albuquerque the first of May. The sale offered an additional 100,000 pounds which was not sold. Prices ranged from 44½ to 64 cents.

The firm of Prouvost, Lefebvre and Co., Inc., Boston, through E. O. Oglesby, San Angelo, purchased 160,000 pounds. Other buyers included Albert A. Schneider, Inc., 100,000 pounds; Colonial Wool Company, 50,000 pounds; Draper Top Company, 75,000 pounds and L. M. Murphy, 20,000 pounds.

Julius E. Nordby, director of the Sheep Experiment Station at Dubois, Idaho, and well-known to many Texas sheepmen, is taking a two-year leave of absence to head the Livestock Improvement Project of the United States Technical Assistance Program in Egypt. His headquarters will be in Cairo, Egypt, where he will supervise the activities of an 8-man staff of United States technicians in livestock improvement and coordination work.

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Up in Provo, Utah, a local angler noticed that Nan Eccles' hair was a rich mixture of copper and gold. He asked her for a lock to be used in tying a fly.

Later, the man declared that fish just couldn't stay away from it. He caught them by the dozens, including an eight-pounder.

It was only natural that the fame of her hair as lethal medicine for fish could not be kept secret for long. Now fishermen all over Utah are pleading with the girl for even tiny locks of her hair for the purpose of seducing fish!

### Old Bones

Remains of the skeleton of a mastodon have been discovered in the province of Asti in northern Italy. The bone fragments are estimated by experts here to be at least a million years old.

### Love-Blind Moose

Giving substance to the adage that love is blind, a bull moose mistook the bellow of a diesel locomotive near Sand Lake, Ontario, for the challenge of a rival and climbed on the tracks to do battle. The engineer threw on the emergency brakes. This sent hot ore from a gondola car spraying along the tracks. A bit landed on a mouse nest on the shoulder of the road-bed and in short order a forest fire had started.

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### My, My!

On the bus seat ahead of me, two women were discussing books. "Have you read 'Amber'?" one asked. When the answer came in the negative, she continued: "My dear, it's the filthiest thing I ever read. Simply shovelfuls of dirt! Publishers should be forbidden to print such trash!"

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Except for vultures and parrots, wild geese live longer than any other birds. Authentic records give them as much as seventy years.

The Alaskan moose, found in the Kenai Peninsula, carry the largest antlers in the deer family, sometimes spreading to a width of seventy inches.

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One of the subscribers to the Sheep and Goat Raiser has written the magazine that he has a Johnson grass farm and would like to pasture from 50 to 150 head of range sheep on the shares. He says he has lots of grazing for sheep and plenty of sheds for shelter.

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The legend of the dogwood tree best describes its form and blossoms. During Christ's time here on earth the dogwood tree was as large as the oak or elm. It was so strong that its timber was chosen to furnish material for the Cross. Being used for such a purpose greatly distressed the tree and because of its regret in the part it had, Jesus promised the dogwood that never again would it attain such size and that from then on its limbs and trunk would be slender and twisted. Its blossoms, He said should always be in the form of a cross with two short petals and two long ones, and at the outer edge of each and in the

center of it, there should be the print of the nail, and in the center of the flower would appear stains like blood and brown rust.

No. 2 — **SALT CEDAR** (*Tamarix gallica*) is a much-branched shrub or tree with minute leaves, giving it the appearance of a cedar. It differs from cedar, however, in the numerous spikes of lavender to deep pink flowers that tip the many branches. Honeybees obtain much nectar from the blossoms. The shrubs are particularly noticeable in spring and early summer when the blossoms appear as drooping plumes and usually the flowers come before the leaves.

This pretty, and long popular shrub thrives in varied soil and climates. It is exceedingly drought resistant and grows even in desert areas where it is bluish- or greyish-green in color. When supplied with plenty of moisture, like on the coastal prairies, it grows rapidly and is bright green and is often planted as windbreaks. It is also valuable in erosion control.

## Native Plants That You Will Enjoy

By JEWELL CASEY

The salt cedar was introduced into this country from Europe, but is now so widespread it is considered native.

No. 3 — **OPUNTIA ENGELMANNII** — or more commonly known as "Prickly Pear," is named in honor of Dr. George Engelmann of St. Louis, who made an extensive study of cacti in this region.

Considered by many people as a pest, it is probably the commonest large-jointed erect *Opuntia* growing in the Southwest. And all too often we fail to appreciate true beauty near us in our search afar. One would have to travel a long ways to find more beautiful blossoms — in texture, color and form — than these of the old "rough and ready prickly pear." The large flowers are bright yellow when they first open, displaying many greenish-yellow stamens. They are a source of nectar to honeybees and other nectar-seeking creatures. And while they can't be gathered as other wild flowers, by cutting off an entire pad, well budded, a beautiful and unusual floral arrangement for buffet, mantel or table may be had by placing pad on block of wood, a stone or in a bowl.



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## Credit Institutions Serving The Farm and Ranch Industry

By TYRUS TIMM  
Extension Economist

THIS MONTH let's take a brief look at some of the credit institutions which serve farm and ranch families in Texas. How well they serve the farmer or ranchman and, equally important, how well he serves these credit institutions is tremendously important to all of us. Successful farm loans are made by both the lender and borrower.

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Let's begin by taking a look at things of interest in the Federal Land Bank of Houston. You know, I like everything about this bank except its official title. In the first place, it's not Federal, the farmers and ranchmen of Texas own it. Secondly, it's not just a land bank. Part of the loan usually goes for construction and repairs of buildings and other improvements. Third, it isn't a bank "of Houston" but of all Texas. A more accurate title would be The Agricultural Real Estate Bank of Farmers and Ranchmen in Texas. Cumbersome, I realize, but it tells the story.

This bank is under the able direction of Sterling C. Evans, its President. Mr. Evans, prior to going with the Farm Credit Administration, was district agent, and State 4-H Club leader with our Service.

In 1952, the second largest volume of long-term loans was made. Only 1954 exceeded it. A depression year, it was necessary to refinance a large percentage of the farm mortgage debt in Texas. The Land Bank has been a going concern since 1917.

The growing commercialization of Texas agriculture is reflected in the Land Bank's loans. The average loan made for the 36-year period is \$5,745. But the average loan in 1952 amounted to \$6,465. Actually, most of the increase in size of loans has come about in the last 15 years.

The outlook for the Land Bank for 1953 is for some further increase in loan volume. This is based on the fact that:

1. The Land Bank is getting a wider distribution of loans.
2. In some of the severe drought

areas, shorter term production debts which have accumulated likely will be converted into longer-term obligations.

3. There may be quite a demand for money for restocking ranges if it will just rain enough to justify.

### Shorter Term Loans

Mentioning the drought, reminds me that we've seen some wonderful team work and fair play during the past couple of years on cattle and (Continued on page 44)

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## Wool Program Explained

THE WOOL industry is protected by a price program which is little understood by the average wool grower although it is now serving as a most important stabilizing influence on the market.

The Agricultural Act of 1949 provides for support of wool at a price between 60 and 90 per cent of parity. The purpose of this legislation and the support at a level within this range is to encourage an annual production of approximately 360 million pounds of shorn wool. Many factors have influenced the production of wool counteracting the support program to a point that production has fallen by nearly one-third less than the desired production goal. In 1952 the production was 232.4 million pounds for the nation.

The national average support price for wool is 90 per cent of the March 15 parity price of 59 cents per pound, grease basis.

The National Wool Clip points out that this means that the average overall grease wool support price for the country is 53.1 cents per pound to the grower but that he should not be confused by this figure. It does not mean that every grower will receive 53.1 cents a pound for his wool if he puts it under government loan. The amount which CCC will be willing to loan on any given clip cannot be determined until after the wool is appraised and cored for shrinkage. Thus with an average support price of 53.1 cents a pound for this year, it would be entirely possible for one grower to net only 40 cents on his wool while another grower nets 65 cents a pound under the same support program, depending on the grade and condition of the wool.

Non-recourse and advance loans on shorn wool will be available to producers from May 1, 1953 through

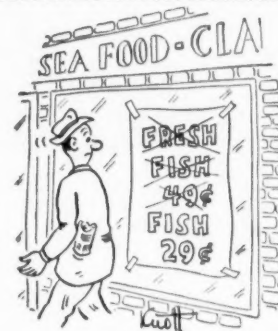
March 31, 1954. Non-recourse loans on shorn wool will mature on April 30, 1954. Advance loans (at not more than 70 per cent of the estimated appraisal value of the shorn wool) will be made on a recourse basis. Maturity dates for advance loans will now be six months from the date of disbursement of loan proceeds or March 31, 1954, whichever is earlier.

## MEXICO STOPS BEEF EXPORTS

IT WAS reported the latter part of April that the Mexican Ministry of National Economy had suspended the export of cattle to the United States, pending the solving of the problem of Mexico City's meat shortage.

Presumably this measure will have little effect on the city's meat supply but the move was apparently made to allay criticism that Mexico, while exporting cattle, was allowing her own people to suffer a meat shortage.

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# Texas Delaine News

By Mrs. G. A. Glimp

ONE REMARKABLE thing about the sheep industry is that once a discussion gets under way, it takes in so much more than what actually one wonders just what others have to talk about. Of course, the weather always is a most important factor, and the rains that have fallen in Central Texas recently are equal to some fish tales that makes the rounds. In a week of weather, which resembled winter more than summer, the moisture ranged anywhere from six to eleven inches. Creeks that had nearly ceased running resemble small rivers. In several places hail accompanied these rains, and the small grain, gardens, and etc. took a severe beating. All in all, the rains were wonderful, and the only regret is that we were unable to share with our West Texas friends.

The Purebred Sheep Meeting in Temple was well attended by Delaine members. Even though the sale was disappointing, one thing still holds true in that new contact was made. New members are always welcome, and J. R. Williams of Normangee purchased Geo. Johanson's ewes entered in the show and a stud ram from G. A. Glimp to make him among the newest members of our association. This is new territory for Delaines, and we wish him every success!

Ham Choat feels keenly that our

future is even more dependent on the interests and abilities of our FFA and Club boys to make the industry push forward. Among his recent sales was a wether lamb to Melvin Krum of Cuero with a view of the San Antonio Show in mind.

C. F. Sappington says the only disadvantage he has found in having oil is the fact that they still can not make grass grow where rain hasn't fallen. He agrees, though, that they are a wonderful asset and believes they will tide him over until rain does come. The good producer recently brought in, coupled with the fact that the Grand Champion Fine Wool lamb of San Antonio Show was of C. F. Sappington breeding have made him feel much better. He has had numerous inquiries for lambs and breeding sheep, and he, too, feels weather is the greatest drawback to our industry.

R. R. Walston sold two very nice stud rams in Temple. David Watters had previously purchased him to be delivered there. This ram was not shown for that reason, but it would have made a very nice showing had he been in the show. The other ram was champion of the show and was purchased by D. T. Paston and son of Valley Mills. Paston also purchased a ram from Clyde Glimp paying the highest price paid for Delaines.

Despite the fact rains may not be

moving at the best place, any number of inquiries for ewes keep coming and purchases made. I am reminded, if the personal reference will be pardoned, of some very sage advice given by my father-in-law, the late Tom Glimp, Sr., veteran Delaine breeder. He carefully studied the sheep industry from every angle, and when the cycle trend ran as it is now but inquiries and purchases of foundation breeding stock continued to move along with a keen interest, he felt the industry to be in no grave danger. This has run

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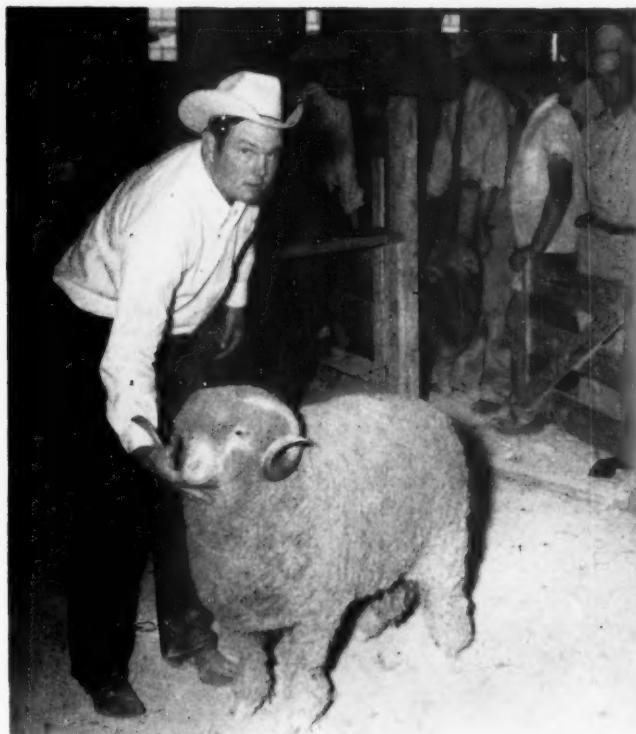
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## Delaine Breeders Plan Classified Sale at Coleman

IT'S AN innovation for the Texas Delaine breeders but they are looking forward with complete confidence that the classified sale of registered Delaine breeding rams and ewes will be one of the most successful in history. The date is June 20 and the site of the sale is Coleman where so many successful sales have been held in the past.

There are several reasons why Delaine breeders are optimistic. Practically the entire range area in which Delaine sheep are the favorite has been blessed with bountiful rainfall and the ranges are good to excellent. Furthermore most of them find that they have very few good rams left. "We believe they will want to breed the best rams they can find to ewes they have on the range," recently declared Owen Bragg of Talpa, who is in general charge of the Delaine Sale.

It is pointed out, too, that there is a real shortage of the type of wool produced by good Delaine sheep. This year will influence sheep production for many years to come as it

is generally believed that the sheepmen will save their ewe lambs next year. "Good rams will make those ewe lambs worth saving—they will be more profitable sheep and emphasizes the real need for top quality rams this year," asserts Mr. Bragg.

The sale offering will consist of 100 choice rams from the leading Delaine breeders of the state plus about 30 of the best ewes from these breeders. The ewes are expected to be in good demand, judging from the pre-sale interest.

George Johanson, Secretary of the Delaine Association, calls attention to the annual meeting of the organization which will be held on the night of the nineteenth. The meeting will be held at the show grounds at 8 P.M. All members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome, he says. The meeting will include the selection of officers for the coming year.

The sale will start at 1:00 P.M. and the rules for the sale are the same as those of previous sales.

## SCOURING PLANT TO MOVE

ALTHOUGH IT is now in operation at the Blue Bonnet Farm near McGregor, the Wool Scouring Plant adjunct will have to move again in the near future. It is definite that the armed forces are taking over the facilities at McGregor.

Only recently was the scouring plant under the supervision of Stanley Davis restored to service. Last year it was dismantled and ready for moving but the planned reactivation of the base was apparently dropped and the scouring plant set up again. Now it has to be dismantled again and moved some place.

Where the wool scouring plant will light is anybody's guess now. San Angelo, the Experiment Station near Sonora, and the Texas A&M Adjunct at Junction are possible locations. Each location has advantages but which will best serve the wool industry is a subject of considerable debate. Doubtless the action of the directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association will influence the decision of the Texas A&M College officials.

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## AFTOSA CLOSES MEXICAN BORDER

HARD UPON the April report that the Mexican government had suspended exports of cattle comes the announcement of an interior outbreak of Aftosa. This automatically closed the border from this side. Optimistic livestockmen believe that both bans may be short-lived.

The citizens of Bandera are planning big things in celebration of the 100th anniversary of that thriving little city. The centennial celebration will be held June 11, 12, and 13.

The J. D. Varga warehouse, Rock-springs, has sold a car of twelve month wool to Conant and Company through its representative, Ernest Woodward of San Angelo. Price 70c to 75c per pound.

Wm. Volkmann, Menard, sold to C. D. Bruce, Coleman County, latter part of May, 81 Rambouillet, Corriedale and Rambouillet-Corriedale crossbred rams — yearlings, twos and threes; also 40 Corriedale, Rambouillet and Rambouillet-Corriedale crossbred ewes — yearlings, twos and threes, at \$25.00.

## Delaine News

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true to prediction, and we still feel climatic conditions can and will alter the situation.

Hudson Climp purchased a very nice yearling ewe in Temple to add to his foundation flock. This ewe was bred and exhibited by David Watters.

Every member is urged to attend the annual meeting in Coleman June 19-20. The show will be a classification of rams with sale on 20th. Anyone needing choice ewes and rams is urged to keep these dates in mind. Coleman has put forth every effort to make this annual affair a success. Their wonderful hospitality and the choice Delaines on exhibit should be a drawing card for any interested sheep breeder. Plan now to include this in your itinerary of places to go.

## Credit Institutions

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sheep loans. In my book, both Commercial Banks and Production Credit Associations in Texas deserve our plaudits for the way they have stayed with the stockmen. They have done this in spite of serious declines in livestock prices, substantially higher costs, and in several areas continuing drought.

To be sure, there have been spectacular stories of loans called, of foreclosures. But what are the facts? Recent surveys covering both banks and production credit associations show there is scarcely any calling or foreclosing. Condemning the whole for isolated cases, or failing to point up the general practice of the overwhelming majority, isn't good judgment.

The next time someone tells you about a bank or PCA foreclosing on a stockman who was practicing good husbandry and suffering only from the drought and low prices, ask him two questions. One, What bank is doing this? Two, what stockman are you referring to? You can get at the facts pretty fast this way. Our credit system, which is so important to successful farming and ranching, deserves, at least, this break.

County Agent Weathersbee at Brackettville, in one of the driest areas of the State, summed up the current situation better than I can. He wrote, "Our local banks have been under terrific pressure these past three years. They have bull-doggedly stayed with us down here, but as in everything else there is a stopping point. If they commence closing out their customers:

1. They would frighten others into bankruptcy.

2. They would suffer a loss which is reflected from here to the principal financial centers — Boston and Wall Street. This defunct paper weakens all other which might be on the market.

3. This further shakes confidence in the industry.

4. Upsets the entire local financial structure."



STOCKMEN

Interested sheepmen and breeders at the Temple sale include, from left to right, J. B. Wall and Ellis Berry of Bertram; Jack Saul, Rambouillet breeder, Hutto, and Louis Tongate, Brooksmith.

## Range Talk . . .

Clifford Gee, well known registered Hereford breeder in the Uvalde vicinity, recently moved 60 pairs of cows and calves to Gonzales County. He also had been doing some marketing. He sold three fat cows through the San Antonio market along with five young bulls. A part load of yearling mutton sheep weighing an average 91 pounds sold at \$16.50 at the San Antonio yards.

Frank Weed Jr., Vanderpool, (near Utopia) and W. J. Locklear, recently sold on order three car loads (about 800 head) of old crop lambs shipped from Sonora. According to Weed the prices paid were \$16.00 and \$16.50 and the average weight on the animals was 71 and 76 pounds. Weed also said he sold two car loads of ewes and lambs the latter part of April to Johnny Sheedy, sheriff at Bracketville.

Better rams sire more productive ewes.



LOUIS TONGATE

The partnership of Louis Tongate and Sons, Brooksmith, has done very well. Tongate Rambouillets have been successful in the shows and sales and although comparatively young in Rambouillet circles, the Tongates are becoming quite well-known for quality breeding stock.

The Hal Peck ranch southwest of Midland has been leased to John Brown of Midland. The 38-section ranch is in Ector and Midland Counties. About 4,000 sheep and some cattle went into the deal.

A young breeder just starting in the Rambouillet business recently purchased a ram lamb from L. F. Hodges, Sterling City. He is Tommy Trimble of Woodson, Texas.

Leroy Spires of Snyder recently sold 1056 81-pound shorn lambs to a Sioux Falls, South Dakota, packer at 19 cents a pound through Roy Harkey of San Angelo and Harold Newman of Fort Worth.

A distinguished guest at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. DuBose of Uvalde recently was Alian, Marquis de Rosando, a 6 ft., 6 in. French Marquis who along with his family own a castle in Brittany. The Marquis was in the United States on business and wishing to visit a Texas ranch made arrangements through a relative of Mrs. DuBose to visit the DuBose ranch, some 14 miles north of Uvalde.

R. C. Talley of Leakey and Mac Michaels of Del Rio during the latter part of March downed four eagles while shooting by plane over the H. W. Lewis place near Leakey. Fred Mason who ranches 20 miles north of Uvalde on Indian Creek says that a number of stockmen in the section

had gone together to declare war on the eagle on their places. According to Mason, the charge for eagle hunting by air is \$10 an hour which is for the plane and hunting service.

Recently at the Uvalde Livestock Sales Company in Uvalde there was a group of buyers over from Cd. Acuna, Mexico. One, R. Ramon, a custom broker said that the ranchers were in the market for some sheep for Mexican City delivery. The animals are trucked as far as St. Carlos, about 20 miles from Cd. Acuna and then go by train to Mexico City. He said the duty on the animals was approximately 10 pesos per animal (a little over a dollar in American cash.)

Ben G. Perez, contract shearer of the Uvalde area, says that he and his crew have sheared 12,000 sheep and 10,000 goats this season and that they do better by staying in Texas than going north as so many others do. Perez says that on his best day of shearing he sheared 270 sheep and 300 goats.

Edward Haby, commander of the Uvalde V.F.W. Post says that it is preparing for the fifth annual rodeo and that most probably it will be slated for the later part of August. The V.F.W. rodeo in Uvalde is always looked forward to by a number of folks and usually features besides the rodeo, a parade and Queen's contest.

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By Jack B. Taylor

NEW MEMBERS of the Association are: V. L. McWhirter of Garden City, Texas; Bryant J. Shaw of Waco, Texas; Betty Sue Viertel of Cranfills Gap, Texas; and Bob H. Viertel of Cranfills Gap, Texas.

The Association will sponsor the 1953 registered Rambouillet Ram Sale in San Angelo this year. Loss of the Fairgrounds in the recent tornado and extra duties of San Angelo Board of City Development personnel as a result, has made this action necessary. The Sale will be held July 16, 17, and 18 at the Fields & Johnson Barn. Entry blanks and rules will be in the mail by the 1st of June. Deadline for entries is July 1st. Breeders desiring to consign rams to the Sale who do not receive entry blanks may obtain them from the Association office — Route 1, Box 533.

The 1953 Pan-American Exposition's (State Fair of Texas) premium list shows John Williams, Eldorado, Association Director of District No. 3, will judge all Rambouillet breeding sheep. Classes for Junior Rambouillet breeders include ram lamb, ewe lamb, pen of 3 ram lambs, and pen of 3 ewe lambs. Top money on all classes is \$16.00, with 15 places in the single and 6 places in the pen classes.

To date, 20 Texas breeders have donated \$132.50 to the Wallace Dameron Memorial Trophy Fund — the Trophy to be awarded to the Premier Junior Rambouillet Exhibitor at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show. Many others have indicated a desire to participate. A mimeographed list of contributors will be given to the winners of the Trophy.

Some people may have been unnecessarily worried about the breeding ability of higher conditioned rams. At the recent Ram Progeny Test Field Day, Maurice J. Shelton, Animal Husbandman formerly with the Experiment Station and now working on his Doctor's degree at Texas A&M, reported on some fertility tests. He found in testing a number of the fed rams coming out of the Progeny Test that not only were 100% of them fertile, but they contained almost double the sperm count of rams in some other tests. He pointed out, however, that fat tends to cause rams to suffer a little more from heat and that all rams are likely to become sterile under prolonged temperatures above 100 degrees.

New members Betty Sue and Bob, children of Hubert B. Viertel — Cranfills Gap, Texas — have nine registered ewes and five lambs. Bob recently

purchased a stud ram from H. C. Wilkinson of Ranger.

One of the best informed woolmen in the world recently stated, "There is not any appreciable amount of fine wool top available in the world today. . . . There is a shortage of fine wool." This should make a favorable situation for Rambouillet sheep.

George Parker, young 4-H Club Rambouillet member from Harper, Texas, recently selected a stud ram from the Leo and Rod Richardson flock at Iraan. Price was \$200.00. George also recently added to his ewe flock by purchases from Joe B. Edens of Eldorado.

Soon after the tornado destroyed San Angelo's Fairground facilities, Minor McVay, former Director of our Association, called the office to offer Eden's barns and facilities for our Annual Sale. We appreciate this generous offer from Eden and that area's livestock people.

Ed Willoughby, ranchman of San Angelo, sold all his sheep to Kansas State College. One college authority reported Rambouillets fit better into their Fall lamb program.

Different registered sheep breeders use different methods to cut down labor and chance for errors in identifying the mother when tagging their lambs. Some merely catch the lamb with its mother, ear tag it, then catch the mother and read her tag. Others paint brand the ewe with her ear tag number so that she need not be handled. Still others paint brand the ewes with their ear tag number, then paint brand numbers in any order on the lambs. As they observe their sheep in the pastures, around waterings, etc., they write down the paint brand number of the lambs following each ewe. When they get ready to ear tag the lambs, they have the dam already listed. Breeders who have methods that might benefit others are invited to send their suggestions to the Secretary to pass on to the members.

### WOOL WAREHOUSE IN UVALDE RE-ORGANIZED

JOE R. MOSS, well-known rancher of the Uvalde area has purchased Jack Richardson's remaining stock in the Uvalde Producers Wool and Mohair Co., it was announced May 21.

A meeting was called Monday, May 18 at which time Moss was elected temporary president of the organization to fill out Richardson's unexpired term. According to a spokesman for the group, the stockholders were to convene May 29 for the election of officers for the next fiscal year.

The stockholders in the company are now, Joe Moss, Charlie Griffin, George Rainey, Wood Sights, R. H. (Buddy) Harris, Dave Rose Jr., Alfred Rosenow and Paul Rosenow.

Charlie Griffin, manager and a stockholder in the company, stated that Richardson, who had been president since the company's organization in 1948, sold his share to devote more time to his ranching interests.



#### **NORTHEN AND SONS BUILD REGISTERED FLOCK**

Tom Northen and his two sons of Holland, Texas, are rapidly building a high quality flock of registered Rambouillet sheep. Mr. Northen is shown here with one of his registered rams which he took to the Purebred Show at Temple.

The smart ranchman spends freely on good rams.

## **Better Pricing System Is Needed For Sale of Ram Wool**

RAM WOOL should be priced on the basis of its actual grade and shrinkage instead of on the basis of one-third less than the ewe wool in the same herd. That's the conclusion of P. E. Neale, animal husbandman with the Experiment Station at New Mexico A&M College, and Wm. D. McFallen, assistant in agricultural economics with the Station, as a result of their recent studies on wool values.

In Press Bulletin 1082, "A Comparison of Relative Values of Fine Ram and Ewe Wool," the research men report on the comparative values of fine wool from rams and ewes in two different clips. They point out that wool buyers often automatically discount the price of fine ram wool by one-third of the values of fine ewe wool.

In the study of the first clip, about 455 pounds of grease wool from rams and about 563 pounds of grease wool from ewes in the same herd were sorted, scoured, and made into tops. The ram fleeces contained a total of 16.27 off sorts while the ewe wool was 23.29 per cent off sorts. The ram wool was about 80 per cent staple length while the ewe wool was about 66 per cent French combing. The clean wool from the rams was superior to the ewe wool because it produced a larger

percentage of higher priced tops, a larger percentage of noils, and a lower percentage of waste. On the basis of its actual value, the ram wool would have brought about 17 cents a pound more at the ranch than it brought.

In the second clip, about 100 ram and 100 ewe fleeces were bought from an Indian trader. These fleeces were sorted, scoured, and made into tops. In this study, there wasn't much difference in quality between the ram and ewe wool. The ram wool com-

ained about 5 per cent more off sorts. Even so, on the basis of its actual value, it should have sold at the ranch for about 15.5 cents a pound more than it really brought.

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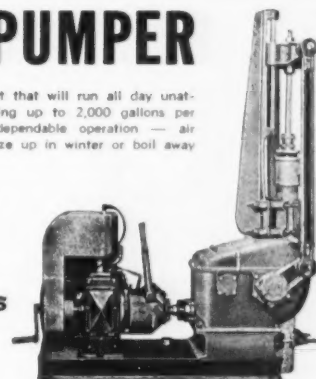
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# Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

FAT CATTLE are still rolling to market but the burdensome surplus as of Jan. 1 is petering out. So now wholesalers are talking \$40.00 prime steer carcasses by Decoration Day. The practical top in early May was \$37.00, only a few lights making \$38.00. Prime light and handy prime live steers had slipped back to \$24.85.

Nevertheless the live steer and heifer trade was starting to improve despite 25 to 50 per cent bigger runs than a year earlier. More steers scaling right at and above 1,500 lbs. were commanding wider attention up to \$24.00. Big weights were starting to slim down numerically, 1,500 to 1,600 lb. rough but fat kinds bringing \$21.00 and better after similar offerings had had to be peddled at the winter low below \$20.00. The dressed trade was calling for 400 to 550 lb. carcass beef, suggesting a scarcity of yearling steers and heifers even if heavier cattle were in abnormal supply. Beef was still the bargain meat in retail stores, especially the big chains which had spread-eagled in week-end ads so much 37c to 79c roasts and choice steaks all spring that consumers temporarily had to turn to expensive pork merely

as a means of getting away from so much beef. Something of an anomaly developed as top hogs sold up to \$25.00 at Chicago when the top on prime steers was around \$24.75.

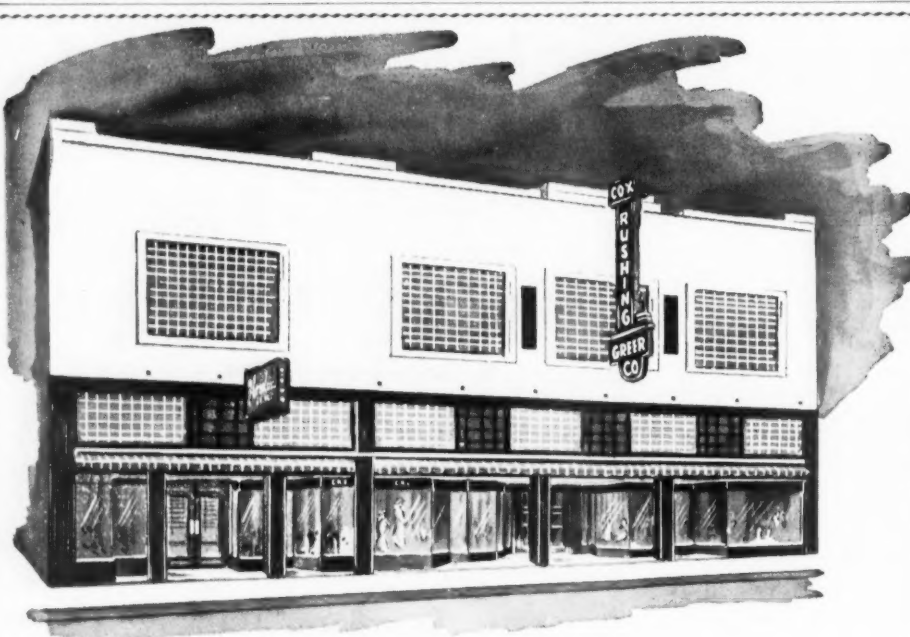
But so much bargain beef all winter had meant that the Jan. 1 cattle surplus on feed had been gradually worn away. Over 750,000 head more cattle had run since the turn of the year to eclipse any previous beef production on record. In fact big cattle runs and expanding beef tonnages started last November. From late January to late March big commercial feedlots threw open their gates, receding cattle prices plus high gain costs having caused bankers to wave many finishers to town, in short cut down their steer holdings no matter what laying in price had been. The market at the moment was the thing, and the market was lousy.

Of course, as measured by grain costs on a supported corn market the live market is still a mess. But more cattle coming now represent lower laying in costs as finishers all winter sold fat cattle and bought back replacements at lower levels — not low enough, but still much cheaper than early. This helps now that all steers

and heifers are selling measurably above the winter low when banks were calling loans and many small-time finishers with one to three loads realized they were either broke or badly bent. Improved sentiment was more pronounced than net price improvement at mid-May, but California packers were beginning to invade intermountain feedlots in a big way, while big packers at cornbelt markets were starting to buy much more freely in immediate territories. Of all the record supply of beef produced and unloaded in gobs over the winter none had been "thrown in the river." Consumers had eaten it all — at such a bargain, of course as drove many finishers out of business. In addition much more lamb than a year earlier had stayed relatively cheap and had disappeared. All the while there was no pork, the luxury meat this last winter, pork loins wholesaling to \$65.00 while choice steer chucks had to be peddled at times to bring \$28.00 to \$30.00. Prime heavy steer loins fell as low as \$70.00.

About the only old lambs left now are Texas, and sizable swags of these are going for replacement at \$14.00 to \$19.00. The story is that big packers are buying, an indication that there may not be as much spring lamb around this summer as previously estimated. Pork cannot be much of a factor until next winter, hence beef will have to carry the consumer load. Sensing this, finishers and graziers have started to show more interest in thin cattle, raising late spring bids out West as much as \$1.00 per cwt.

Everyone on the replacement buying side is still highly cautious, however, after the last two or three crops of cattle have been put in entirely too high. Only calves — steer calves — and light yearlings have been bringing up to \$22.50, all heavier and lower-grade cattle dragging well below \$20.00. A money losing fed lamb and yearling trade most of the winter incubates sentiment that the western feeder lambs will be lucky to sign up for \$18.00 this fall, \$20.00 being regarded as too high. In fact some are talking as low as \$15.00 on grass lambs for winter feeding, with practically all stocker and feeder cattle around or below \$20.00. General business and industry will have to spin much slower, however, for the above pessimism to come true.



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Whatever may happen there is no denying the fact that while the price-breaking surplus has been whittled away, there is still an abnormally large supply of cattle on feed. Having eaten beef freely at prices which spelled big losses to fat cattle producers, can or will consumers pay moderately more so as to permit killers paying moderately more for fed cattle? In turn this would break up a stalemate on the range where prices, comparing with not so far back, have been cut in two. Evidently the killer market has leveled off. Buyers and owners of replacements therefore are gathering a little more confidence. Little or no competition from other meats threaten beef. In truth, beef has been all winter and will remain this summer the pacemaker for pork and lamb. Top hogs May 15 went to \$25.25 at Chicago, but that only convinced housewives they should more pointedly ignore pork chops and take on a little more beef and lamb. There will be plenty of pork late this summer and next winter, and more than enough lamb all the while if retailers lift price tags, forgetting that beef is and all summer well may be, the measuring stick.

## Washington

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Nothing approaching disaster is being predicted, but the downtrend is expected to continue in future months. Auctions are likely to increase.

Appointment of Anchor Nelsen, dirt farmer from Minnesota to succeed Claude Wickard as head of REA, is encouraging to conservation-minded farm leaders here. Nelsen has the reputation of being a "liberal" Republican who will work hard to keep REA and the farmer cooperatives it serves from bogging down in the running fight between public and private power.

Nelsen is up against some tough problems. For one thing, he'll probably have to get by on less money than has been available in recent years for both electric and telephone loans. Benson has asked for a substantial reduction in both. Complicating matters is the fact that there is

also likely to be a sharp reduction in funds appropriated to the Interior Department for federal power projects. This means that it could be more difficult for REA farmer co-operators to get new power.

It won't be easy, but Nelsen is expected to do all right.

He got off to a good start with REA veterans in Washington by telling them that he thought they had done a fine job under Wickard. He added that nobody would be fired because of his "politics, creed or color," but that everybody would be judged by his work.

The only way a flock can be improved is by using rams that are better than the ewes, saving the best ewe lambs for replacements, and culling

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### NOELKE RAMBOUILLET TOPS PUREBRED SALE

Shown from left to right are the principals in the sale of the top sheep of the Purebred Auction at Temple, May 2. Dr. L. R. Talley, Temple, and Henry Richter, Route 3, Temple, foreman of the Talley ranch, were purchasers of the top ram of the sale. It was the Rambouillet ram bred by H. C. Noelke, Sheffield, and the price paid was \$215. Dr. Talley also topped the ewes, buying several — one at \$75.

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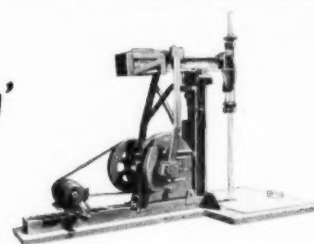
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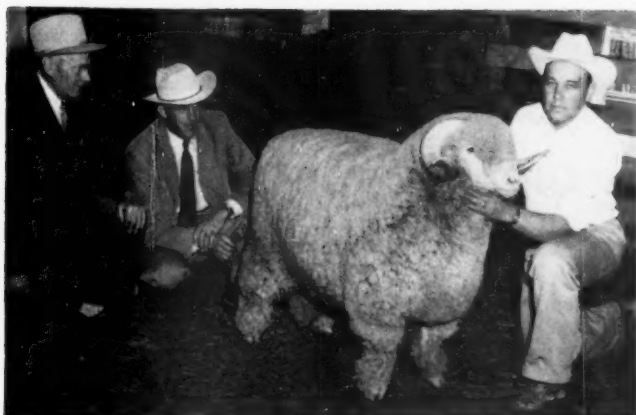
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Shown in picture are, left to right, Professor A. J. Bierschwale, Head of the Range Animal Husbandry Department of Sul Ross; Associate Professor E. E. Turner of Sul Ross; and Miles Pierce, Alpine, breeder of the ram.

## Sul Ross College Builds Fine Animal Husbandry Department

FORTY-FIVE of the most progressive registered livestock breeders of Southwest Texas have donated outstanding animals to Sul Ross State College since the establishment of the animal husbandry department there in 1937, according to A. J. Bierschwale, Head of the department. Twenty-one breeders donated registered Rambouillet sheep, seven donated Delaine sheep, one donated registered Southdown sheep, one donated registered Angora goats, one donated a registered Quarter Horse stallion, and fourteen donated registered Hereford cattle.

Miles Pierce, a most enthusiastic young breeder of Rambouillet sheep in Brewster County, is the latest to donate to the College. He has just given Kristy Altuda, an eighteen-month-old ram that weighed 290 pounds and sheared 23½ pounds last week, (note picture above). This is a son of King Altuda, his undefeated show ram of the 1952 season, and is one of his prize-winning rams in his show flock of 1953. "I consider this ram the second best in my flock" said Mr. Pierce.

### Breeders Who Donated To Sul Ross State College Rambouillet Sheep

Claud Owens, Fort Stockton; L. D. White, Fort Stockton; R. O. Sheffield, San Angelo; Wallace Hendricks, San Angelo; D. T. Jones & Sons, San Angelo; V. I. Pierce, Ozona; Dempster Jones, Ozona; J. W. Owens, Ozona; Leo Richardson, Iraan; J. W. Cox, Garden City; L. F. Hodges, Sterling City; John & Nick Reed, Sterling City.

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### Delaine Sheep

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Dr. Joel Wright, Alpine.

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## TORNADOES DAMAGE RANCHES

THE TORNADOES which swept various areas of West and Central Texas during the May 11 storm period did not leave the ranches unscathed. One hit the Gus Witting, Jr. ranch which is the old Prentice place northwest of Junction and did considerable damage to the ranch home and outbuildings and to the fences. Some livestock was lost.

A twister hit the land of the Ranch Experiment Station missing the main buildings by about a mile. It did little damage but the evidence remaining indicated its strength.

Other ranches in Sutton County suffered damaged fences, outbuildings, windmills and a few deer and livestock were killed. Ranches touched with the ungentle wind were those of John Cauthorn, J. S. Holman, Mrs. Hattie B. Epps, Gus Wheat, Mrs. J. T. Sellman and the Sawyer Eagle Well ranch.

About 5,000 head of old-crop lambs were shipped to Harold Newman in early May from Owen Parks of San Saba County. They went to Fort Worth on an early contract at 19½ cents a pound.

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# SAN ANTONIO --

## BRIGHT SPOTS APPEAR IN THE LIVESTOCK MARKET

MAY PRODUCED the brightest spots that Southwest farmers and ranchers have seen in the livestock market in many months.

Spring lamb prices climbed to the highest points since Sept. 1, 1952, despite record receipts. The downward trend in cattle prices leveled off, and, in some instances, prices turned upward, particularly on short supplies of fat cattle. Also, hog prices hovered around the highest mark since August 1950.

These are some of the outstanding developments spotted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration in its daily coverage of the major southwest livestock yards during May 1 through 20.

More than twice as many sheep arrived at Texas yards during the first 20 days of May compared to the same period in April. Fort Worth received 115,272 head and San Antonio, 15,773 head, according to PMA estimates. On May 19, Fort Worth received about 15,000 sheep, the largest run for a single day since May, 1950.

About 40 per cent of the offerings comprised spring lambs, and more than 30 per cent shorn slaughter lambs. The remainder was made up of feeder lambs, mostly shorn, and older sheep.

Trading was fairly active every session, especially on killing classes of sheep. Prices of spring lambs gained 50c to a dollar per 100 pounds every week during the first two weeks of the month. Choice spring lambs reached as high as \$27 at Fort Worth and \$25.50 at San Antonio.

However, the pressure of record marketings and some weakness in the dressed lamb wholesale centers forced prices lower, wiping out some of the gains. Nevertheless, the spring lambs closed May 20 steady to a dollar per 100 pounds higher than at the end of April.

Other sheep were mostly steady to strong, spots up 50s, compared with a month ago.

On May 20, choice spring lambs scored \$24 to \$25 per 100 pounds at Fort Worth and Prime \$25.50 at San Antonio. Cull and utility springers brought \$12 to \$23 at Fort Worth. Utility springers ranged down to \$17.75 at San Antonio.

Spring feeder lambs returned \$14 to

\$17 at Fort Worth and \$17 to \$17.75 at San Antonio.

Cull to good shorn slaughter ewes moved around \$5 to \$6.50 at Fort Worth and \$5 to \$7 at San Antonio.

First week in May saw cattle prices show the first substantial advance in several weeks, and the upward trend continued through May 20 supported by good demand.

Receipts were heavy at all major yards. PMA counted 22,870 cattle and 8,108 calves at San Antonio and 35,151 cattle and 6,279 calves at Fort Worth during the first 20 days of May. Cattle runs for a single day set a new record for this year at both San Antonio and Fort Worth.

Cows, mostly canners and cutters, made up 40 per cent of the arrivals at both yards. The supply of grainfeds continued to diminish. In fact, supplies were so short that buyers were going to sellers of fat cattle instead of sellers seeking buyers. With this dependable demand, fat cattle advanced mostly a dollar per 100 pounds above late April.

Grass cattle and cows grading below average good were too plentiful to support any upturns, but the movement was fairly good at steady prices.

The upward trend on fed cattle did as much as anything to strengthen the demand for stocker and feeder cattle. Also, long needed rainfall in some drought areas improved the outlook for pastures, but the grass is still short and stock ponds still need more run-off water to make them last through the hot and generally dry summer months.

So, despite this improvement in fed cattle prices and range conditions, buyers of feeders and stockers are still cautious. This tendency held down any threatened rise in prices.

Rising hog prices reflected the small receipts and mostly higher wholesale pork prices. Choice medium-weight butchers have sold at or above \$24 per 100 pounds since May 1 at Fort Worth.

San Antonio counted eight per cent less sheep from May 1 through 20 than during the same time in April. PMA estimated receipts at about 2200 head. This smaller supply failed to spark any advance in prices, mainly because of full demand. The market was generally steady to weak compared with a month ago.

Common and low medium Spanish and shorn Angora mixed nannies and wethers rated largely \$7 to \$7.50 per 100 pounds, a few strong weights up to \$9 on an outside order. Culls sold down to \$5 per 100 pounds.

Common and medium mostly Spanish, with a few Angora type slaughter kids brought \$3 to \$4.50 per head. Some strongweight yearling types rated up to \$5 each. Light cull kinds sold around \$1.50 to \$2.50 each.

# GATEWAY TO SOUTHWEST

## Five Breeds Are Featured in Bandera Sheep Show

ABOUT 100 animals were exhibited May 2 in the Junior Breeding Sheep Show at Bandera sponsored by the Bandera County Livestock Improvement Association. Five breeds were represented and a total of \$350 in prize money, ribbons and trophies was awarded to the young breeders. The event was considered most successful and plans will be made throughout the year to expand next years show for the junior breeders.

H. L. and D. L. Risinger, registered

Rambouillet breeders, exhibited the Champion Fine Wool Ram and Ewe. The Champion Ram being the registered Rambouillet that was used as a foundation sire for the Risinger flock and the Champion Ewe was a Debouillet raised by the Risingers.

Jim Gray, Extension Animal Husbandman, judged the show in the morning and during the afternoon demonstrated proper shearing and handling methods of wool. The show was sponsored by the Bandera County Livestock Improvement Association.

The Sabinal range is dry at mid-May according to a letter to the magazine from Adah L. Coleman. "However, we are having pretty fair range by stocking lightly and carefully and hope to see a wet county yet. We still have to wear clothes, and you can't beat wool and mohair for beauty and durability. We still have to eat, and can you tell me a meat that will beat or even equal a lamb-chop or a fried goat rib?"

Plans are being drawn up for a 13,000 capacity coliseum for the New Mexico State Fair at Albuquerque, New Mexico, estimated to cost \$750,000.

Frank Weed, Jr., Utopia, Texas sold Johnny Sheedy of Brackettville two truck loads of ewes and lambs the latter part of April at \$16 and \$17 a pair. Weed had got the sheep in the Leakey area.

## MORE CATTLE IN THE WORLD

THE NUMBER of cattle in the world is at a new record level according to most recent estimates of the Foreign Agricultural Service. The estimated number as of the first of the year was 845 million head, an increase of 2 percent over the same time in 1952 and 14 percent above the 1936-40 average. The biggest increase in cattle since World War II has taken place in Africa where production is 47 percent above prewar; North America is 33 percent above, South America 32 percent, and Oceania 11 percent. Eastern Europe and the U. S. S. R. are still below prewar.

W. J. Locklear and Frank Weed, Jr. received three car loads of old crop lambs at Sonora the first week in May. They had purchased the lambs in the Loma Alta area at 16c and 16½c. The lambs were shipped to Kansas City and weighed 71 and 77 pounds average. Weed sold some solid mouth ewes locally at \$7.50 per head.

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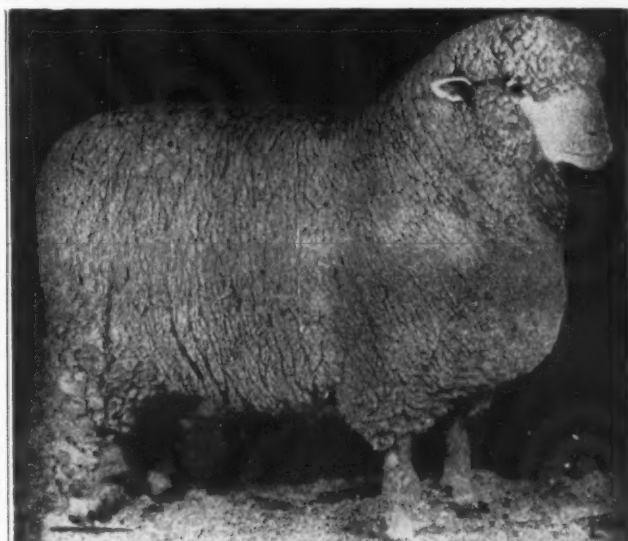
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## How Rams Sold in California

THE HEADLINE in the California Wool Grower reveals how the rams and ewes were sold in the 1953 California ram sale: "1948 head rams and ewes average \$108."

The sale was held at Sacramento on May 4 and 5. The total receipts amounted to \$215,054.50. The average was \$139.59 in 1952.

The Hampshire sheep held the highest average for the 1953 sale. The top selling ram was a Hampshire ram bred by Ospital Bros. Linden, Calif., which sold at \$900 to Neal Elliott, Lakeview, Oregon. 20 studs averaged \$290 each; 615 range rams \$170 each; 70 ewes \$85 each; breed average (range) \$172; last year \$197.42.

Suffolks: 20 studs averaged \$165; 485 range rams, \$117; 83 ewes, \$60. Breed average (range) \$96, last year, \$117.82.

Crossbred Suffolk-Hampshires: 35 head averaged \$156.00; last year, \$114.35.

Southdowns: 14 rams averaged \$84; last year, \$64.16.

### BERGMAN SELL LAMBS AT \$25

E. (SONNY) BERGMAN of the Running M Ranch near Round Mountain, Texas writes that he has made some pretty good sales of sheep recently. He sold 12 November lambs for \$25 each to Guy D. Gates, Leander, Texas; five yearling ewes and one stud ram to Charles Williamson of Wimberly, Texas, who is to use them on an FFA project. He also sold six rams to R. C. Miller of Orange Grove, Texas.

Mr. Bergman, who is a Corriedale enthusiast is consigning five rams to the Corriedale sale at Fredericksburg in August. He reports that the stud rams heading his flock are the Texas Corriedale champion of 1952 and the All American champion of 1947 and he declares that they are siring some nice lambs.

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The wool show, held in connection with the sale, showed an outstanding Columbia fleece consignment. L. A. Nordan of Boerne, Texas, showed the reserve champion fleece of the show.

### Dixon Sale

The 10th Annual Dixon, California, Ram Sale was held May 16. The top ram was a Suffolk bred by Howard Vaughn, Dixon, selling at \$550 to Ervin Vassar, Dixon. A pen of five Hampshires sold for \$1,000, another \$900. The Corriedale top brought \$95.

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### TOP CORRIEDALES AT SAN ANGELO

The spring show at San Angelo featured these fine Corriedale breeding sheep bred by H. C. Noelke of Sheffield. Left to right, Freida Kay Noelke, holding Herbie Noelke's reserve champion Corriedale ewe; Richard Lackey, Sheffield, holding his champion Corriedale ewe; Bud Ivy holding Richard Lackey's champion Corriedale ram.



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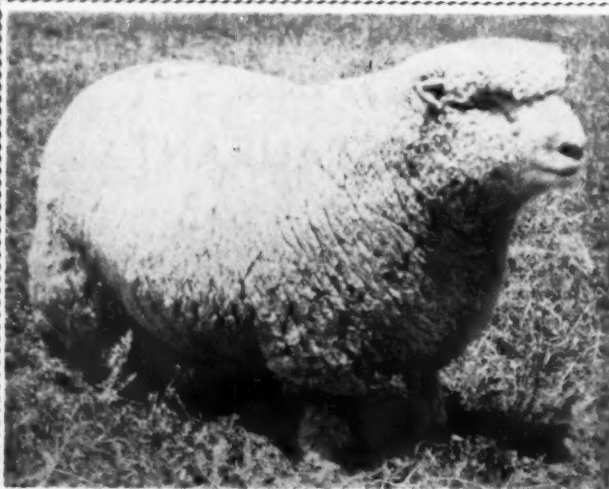
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## Challenge?

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comes can be increased on a ranch by lighter stocking where nutrition has been the limiting factor — more pounds of higher quality wool per sheep, higher per cent of heavier lambs at higher prices, lighter feed bills, less death loss, and less labor.

### A Long Ways To Go For Maximum Wool Yield

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### Better Sheep Make More Money

The extent to which better sheep are more profitable is probably not realized by most of our sheepmen. Some operators figure it takes their entire lamb crop to pay all costs of production and taxes, and the wool clip represents their net income. There are many examples of sheepmen who have increased their wool clip per sheep by two pounds per year through the use of better sires, intelligent selection of replacements, and culling poor producers. If a rancher started with ewes shearing 8 pounds of wool and increased them to 10 pounds (50% shrink), and the wool clip represents his net income, then he has made a 25% increase in his net income. While pounds of wool are being increased, staple length usually improves and more attention to size, conformation, and gaining ability results in additional profits.

### Low Lamb Crop Hurts Profits

The number of lambs raised per hundred head of ewes, one year old and over, is estimated by the USDA at 88 (1951). Many states are well below this average and naturally many individual sheepmen much lower. Granting that poor ranges are probably the major factor in this loss by our sheepmen, it is still a phase that needs a lot of attention and improvement. Opportunities for increased profits here are easily apparent.

### Wool Preparation Could Be Improved

Warehousemen and wool buyers say most American sheepmen do a very poor job of preparing their wool for market. "We spend a whole year and a lot of money to grow a clip of wool, then ruin it in one day." Some buyers estimated the average value of our clip this year would have been 5c more per pound, properly prepared. If our national average price this year is 60c per pound, and the clip represents our sheepmen's net income,

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then this 5c per pound represents over 8% of our net income that was lost through neglect.

#### What Can Be Done?

If we admit that our sheep industry can and needs to be improved, the next questions are what can be done about it, and who can help. Final responsibility rests on the shoulders of our commercial sheepmen. Some things that can be done have been mentioned. Whether they will be done or not depends largely on our sheepman's need for more income.

#### Who Can Help?

Some of the responsibility in increasing our efficiency is borne by agricultural workers, our research men, registered sheep breeders, wool handlers, and lending agencies.

Our county agents, range management specialists, and animal husbandry experts are paid to help the people. Their services are invaluable, but the sheepmen must request their help. They must keep posted on the latest information and make new findings and their services available on request.

Even though research workers in the livestock field may be behind other industries, theirs is a valuable and most necessary contribution. They are far ahead of the use of their findings, and they must stay ahead. Maybe we should provide more funds for research work in our field.

#### Ram Breeders Can Help

Registered ram breeders are in an excellent position to contribute to increased efficiency of our sheep industry. The responsibility of producing sires that can effect the needed improvement in our range sheep rests on them. As our level of production is stepped up, their work becomes increasingly difficult and more essential. Maybe they can make greater progress in producing better sires through measured production of their breeding stock to eliminate some of the "guesswork" in breeding.

The operating costs of registered breeders are high, compared to the commercial sheepmen. They must receive a fair price for their rams if they stay in business. Many sheepmen are not willing to pay a few dollars more for a better sire, but are content to purchase cull rams at a commercial auction sale, or save some of their own ram lambs. These are the sheepmen who do most to lower our averages. Government supervised tests prove one ram may produce as

much as 6.5 pounds more clean wool than another in a year. It is safe to figure the better ram will sire lambs that will produce at least one more pound of clean wool. If this ram is bred for 4 seasons, 10 ewe lambs are saved for replacements each year, and each sheared 6 times, then 4x10x6=240 pounds clean wool gained by using the better ram. With clean wool at \$1.70 per pound, a sheepman could afford to pay \$408.00 more for the better ram based on pounds of wool alone.

The people who handle the ranchman's clip can show him ways it can be improved, and how to better prepare it for market. They can encourage his cooperation by pointing out resultant financial benefits. Additional help can be rendered by teaching the ranchman more about his clip and its value, and by keeping him posted on prices, demands, and possible trends.

#### Financial Agencies Play Big Part

A rancher should do the ranching and a banker the banking, but many poor communities have been completely changed by far-sighted bankers who saw possibilities for progress through new crops or new methods, and encouraged their use. Lending agencies wield a lot of influence on their customers and their methods of operation. If the managers of the lending agencies are well informed on their customers' methods of operation and see ways they can be improved, the operators are likely to take their advice and recommendations. The creditor is a vital cog whose importance increases as economic pressures develop.

Surely many individuals of the groups listed are making noteworthy contributions to a more profitable sheep industry. The nation's averages in different phases of production show a whole lot more of us need to follow their examples. With our sheep industry now in a more favorable position for profits and increased numbers, we should make every possible effort to have the ewe lambs which restock the ranges better than their mothers; provide adequate feed for maximum production; save more of our lambs; and market our wool to a better advantage. How better can we meet our needs for a more profitable domestic sheep industry?

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## RANGE TALK . .

While the growers are benefitting from the recent drop in protein prices some of the feed manufacturers have taken considerable losses in inventory. Prices on 41 per cent cottonseed meal now range around \$70 a ton down about a third from last fall. Some dealers expect further drop in cottonseed products prices and in alfalfa and other hay prices. Suppliers aren't complaining much, however. "Ranchmen can come a lot closer to paying \$40 a ton for hay than they can \$70. We want some customers left."

The California Wool Growers Association reports that Frank Elgorriaga, Maderia, has sold his 12-months wool, weighing an average of 12.60 pounds per fleece, at 53c per pound. His clip of Rambouillet wool totaled about 31,000 pounds.

Light shrinking Montana wool has sold from 65c to 72c per pound.

Roger Gillis, Del Rio, attended the Dixon California Ram Sale, May 16.

L. J. Baker of Dilley recently stated in Uvalde that they had had some good but spotted rains in the Dilley section. Says they are raising peanuts, watermelons, peas and graving crops — sudan and small grains in that area.

James Rose, Brackettville rancher says that his father, Jim Rose, had a fair April kid clip. Average out of the 850 sheared was 3 pounds of hair per animal. Rose also stated that the animals were in good shape now.

The dry-land farming community of Knippa, ten miles east of Uvalde is having its first taste of irrigation. The second irrigation well has come in on the John Kucera place, south of Knippa and is estimated by A. A. Wuensch, drilling contractor from Pearsall, to flow an estimated 1,700 gallons of water per minute with maybe more on a larger pump.

## VOLKMANN EWES DOING WELL

BILL VOLKMANN, Menard Corriedale breeder, is quite pleased with recent letters from two of his customers who are having good luck with their sheep. Theodore Nehring of Lorena, Texas writes that out of 25 ewes were born three sets of twins and three single lambs. There were five sets of twins out of 25 ewes and 32 lambs in all.

Another customer, Robert C. Duke of Austin, Texas writes that he has a little better than 100 per cent lamb crop from the Volkmann ewes. Mr. Duke writes further that the ewes are doing very well and have produced a good wool crop.

Recent sales by Mr. Volkmann included 30 yearlings and two year old rams to Mrs. A. H. Murchison, Menard and some dry ewes at \$17 each and some with late April and May rams at \$22 a pair to various buyers.

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### WATCHING THE SALE

Left to right, Mrs. S. E. Sawyer, wife of Burnett County Agent, sits with L. J. Lucdecke, sheepman of Austin, and W. E. Couch, Rambouillet breeder of Waxahachie, during the Purebred Sheep Breeders sale at Temple May 2. Mr. Lucdecke's glasses, which hang unnoticed from his left ear at times occasion considerable concern from those around him.

FOR JUNE, 1953

# OUR LOGICAL MARKET

## WOOL SALES

OF INTEREST and importance to the wool grower is the recent announcement that George W. Shaddock, President of Botany Mills, and Michael Daroff of Daroff & Sons have signed a five-year contract for woolen textiles averaging \$15 million annually. This is the biggest civilian contract in history and it will use up a sizable chunk of wool filling it.

In Texas sales have been steady, wool of good quality, generally, and exceptional in many instances. It has been moving out of the warehouses as it has come in and few warehouses have any but nominal accumulations. Much of the wool has gone out on early contract — little is being held for higher prices as most growers need the money and their apparent content at present prices has forestalled holding. Little is heard of the government loan program in Texas and the 1953 clip apparently will go to market.

Hallowell, Jones & Donald, Boston, through Rome Shields, has made several major purchases, one of 225,000 pounds of 8-months wool in Bandera and Uvalde at prices from 63½ to 68½ cents and 150,000 pounds of 12 months wool at 70-73c.

The National Worsted Mills purchased 250,000 pounds of 12 month wool at 60 to 73½ cents.

George Allison with Colonial Wool Co. paid up to 72½ cents for two carloads from the Joe Blakency Warehouse at San Angelo, Henry Magnot for the Davis Wool Co. up to 71 cents for a like tonnage from the Eden Wool and Mohair Co.

Emery, Russell & Goodrich, Inc., through Jack Hughes, paid up to 76c on 12 months and 70c on 8 months for about 2,200,000 pounds of West Texas wool in May. Most of his purchases were made in West Texas area with some made at Comfort and Fredericksburg.

The sealed bid sale at the Producers Wool and Mohair Co., Del Rio, on May 27, was the spotlight of late May sales. The Aaron M. Slator clip of 23,247 pounds brought a new high price for Texas 12 months wool for 1953 at 82-88 cents. The buyer was Jackson Hughes, San Angelo. The wool was Rambouillet and came from Kinney County. Hollis Blackwell of Goldthwaite paid 80 cents per pound for 30,356 pounds. Another purchase was that of 15,309 pounds of the Nannie M. Slator clip which brought 79 cents. The buyer was Clyde Young, Lampasas, representing Winslow & Co. He bought about 42,000 pounds of the 200,000 pounds sold at the sale out of about 365,000 pounds offered.

Other purchases included 32,210 pounds for 77½ cents by J. W. Vaughan for Arthur L. Darmon, Boston. The Hart Top, Inc., Boston paid 76 cents to 78-88 for two lots. Bill Quick for Donald A. Hensen, Boston, paid 75-88 cents a pound for 31,148 pounds.

Very little activity has been reported in the mohair market.

New Mexico wool sales have been on the up side with more than 1,000,000 pounds selling at prices ranging from around 45c to 72½c per pound. The auction sales in early May at Roswell, New Mexico saw considerable activity and warehouse sales approximating 1,000,000 pounds almost cleared the warehouses where sealed bids sales were held. Wool is reported to be in good quality but slow coming to warehouses. Nearly all of nearly a score of buyers participated in the buying.

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## Price Buys Debouillet

One of the first Texas sheepmen to become interested in Debouillet sheep was Foster Price, Sterling County. With his uncle, Roy Foster he visited the Jones ranch some fourteen years ago. Each purchased 50 ewe lambs and 75 yearling ewes. Each topped out 125 head of Debouillet ewes from a run-off of 250 head of the Jones ewes. They also purchased a selected seven out of fifteen head of the top stud rams of

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Other West Texas breeders who have purebred flocks of Debouillet sheep include J. B. Blakeney, Armistead Rust, San Angelo; M. P. Renfro, Melvin; and L. W. and Odus Wittenburg, Eden.

One of the biggest boosters of the Debouillet sheep is Joe B. Blakeney, wool warehouseman of San Angelo, who declares that the ram imparts a long staple fine wool to his offspring. "I am sold on the Debouillet because I have seen Debouillet wool sell so well." He reports that he has recently sold 30,000 pounds of the wool of Roy T. Foster and Son, Sterling City for 73½¢ and 10,000 pounds for Armistead Rust at 76½¢.



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## In Memoriam

### J. C. MEADOR

J. C. MEADOR, Eldorado ranchman, died April 14.

Mr. Meador was born near Lometa in 1899 and came to Schleicher County with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Meador, Sr., in 1900.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles Brabbel and Mrs. Mattie Bell Baley, Fort Worth; three brothers, Cecil, W. F. and C. L. Meador, Jr., all of Eldorado, and two grandchildren.

### MRS. W. H. HEARD

MRS. W. H. (MARY L.) HEARD, 76, prominent Reagan Wells resident, died at her home April 29. A native of San Patricia County, Mrs. Wells moved with her parents, John A. and Mary Mulchey Cummings, to the Leakey-Reagan Wells Community when three years of age. She was married to W. H. (Hub) Heard October 13, 1895. Mr. Heard died January 11, 1926.

Surviving are six sons, C. D. Heard, Concan; J. H. Heard and Sid Heard, Reagan Wells; Dan Heard of Rusk; Woodrow of Houston and Dow of Washington, D. C.; four daughters, Mrs. L. E. Langworthy of California; Mrs. Cecil Dunlap, Houston; Mrs. Jack Nelson, Knippa and Mrs. Pete Gibbens, Uvalde; two brothers, Henry Cummings and R. L. Cummings of Reagan Wells; one sister, Mrs. Gus Kitinger, Concan.

### BENJAMIN SIMON

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SIMON, 59, Kimble County ranchman, died May 26 in the Veterans' Hospital, Kerrville. He was a veteran of World War One.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ed Bodie, Junction, and Mrs. O. L. Richardson, Sonora, and two brothers, Emmett and Herbert Simon, Junction.





### FAMED FOR STAPLE

The Debouillet Sheep of Texas are highly regarded for nice wool and staple. Here is shown a ram of Foster Price, Sterling City, being inspected by ranchman Price and E. J. Hughes, Soil Conservationist and also sheep expert of Big Spring.

Jack Richardson, Uvalde, sold Al Dumain of San Angelo 1,500 yearling mutton sheep for May 15 delivery. Richardson recently purchased some 1,500 young cows which he says he will place in Louisiana.

A. M. Kessler farm at Knippa, May 18, sold 42 Spring lambs through the San Antonio yards for the top price at the time — \$24.50. Some 16 more head ranged in price from 20.00 to the top price.

Bill Wright, resident manager of the Uvalde Livestock Sales Co., says that he is, "Back to doing what I always wanted to do."

Wright was born and reared in Kimble County, living most of his earlier life about three miles east of Junction. His job at the Sales Company is to meet the people and take care of their needs. He also keeps up with the market, helps care for the livestock and sees that things keep running smoothly at the Uvalde auction. Though this man, who might remind one of a typical Texas rancher when you look at him, admits that there are a lot of ups and downs in this livestock business, he says he'll still take it over anything else.

W. Holmgren, who ranches on the Rocksprings Rd. out of Uvalde, recently bought 1,000 head of mutton goats with the average cost at \$8.50 per head. Holmgren says he is trying to hedge against the drought with goats.

C. C. Glynn of Rocksprings was at the Uvalde Livestock Sales Co., May 16 selling some wethers. Glynn stated that during the last spell of rainfall, he received about .50 on his place.

Pete Gulley, Uvalde, on May 5 purchased a number of late fall lambs from Bill VanPelt, who ranches north of Uvalde.

### ARNOLD M. RODE IS NAMED OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONIST

ARNOLD M. RODE, Gillespie County ranchman of the northern part of the county has been named the outstanding conservationist in the district for 1952. Mr. Rode has made notable progress through conservation practices on his 2,295-acre ranch and has been rewarded by seeing his land become more productive and more attractive.

In addition to practicing soil conservation on his own ranch he has aided others in the work. He is a member of the board of supervisors of the Gillespie County Soil Conservation District and a leader in the Onion Creek Conservation Group. In addition he has been a leader in numerous other movements designed to promote the area's interest in soil and water conservation.

Don't put inferior rams with those replacement ewes.

### QUALITY SHOULD BE RAISED SAYS GLIMP

G. A. GLIMP of Burnet, Texas has been helping some of his neighbors shear the past month. He writes that a good way to find out the quality of the sheep in the community is to get out and shear a few of them and infer that a lot could be done toward raising the quality not only in his community but throughout the area.

Burnet County has seen some heavy rains as have Lampasas and many other central Texas counties, he reports.

Joe LeMay, Delaine breeder of Goldthwaite, writes that he has been fortunate and has had up to four inches of rain in May. He says grazing is good and should get better. "Our sheep are doing good and we got a good lamb crop this year. I think they are the best lambs we have ever had. The price of commercial ewes is entirely out of line with the present price of wool and fat lambs."

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### WOOL WAREHOUSEMAN LOOKS AT DEBOUILLET

Joe Blakeney, San Angelo warehouseman, parts the wool on a 277 pound Debouillet which was one of the best to come to the state. The wool staple length was six inches at 12 month's growth measurement. He sheared 27 pounds. On the left is Odus Wittenburg and on the right is Leonard Wittenburg of Eden. Principles in a Debouillet sale at Menard, June 26.

Mr. Blakeney who also breeds the Debouillet declares that he believes that the Debouillet bred to the Rambouillet will increase staple length. He declares he has had good success in this type of breeding.

### LEMLEY BUYS MORGAN INTERESTS

THE PARTNERSHIP of Morgan & Lemley has been dissolved with the purchase by Joe Lemley and his mother, Mrs. Josie York Lemley of San Angelo, of the interests of the estate of Dr. George D. Morgan. The deal which has been pending for some time consisted in Lemley's purchase of some 500 registered Rambouillet sheep and 200 registered Aberdeen-Angus cattle. In addition, Mr. Lemley has leased the farm of the estate. This lies some eight miles south of San Angelo on the South Concho River and Pecan Station. The partnership was started in March 1949 and was very successful in developing a widely recognized Rambouillet flock and herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle.

Mr. Lemley will operate his ranching business under the name of Concho Valley Farms.

A stretch in the armed service is interrupting and hampering the work in Rambouillet sheep breeding of Bobby Sorrell of Route 2, Eden, Texas. He visited the magazine office recently while on furlough from his station in California. Bobby reports the purchase of a top Rambouillet ram to place with his 20 registered ewes. He purchased the ram from Leonard Wittenburg, who purchased it from John Williams, who had got it from T. B. Joy, the original purchaser. The ram was the \$750 top selling Pierce ram of the summer sale of 1951.

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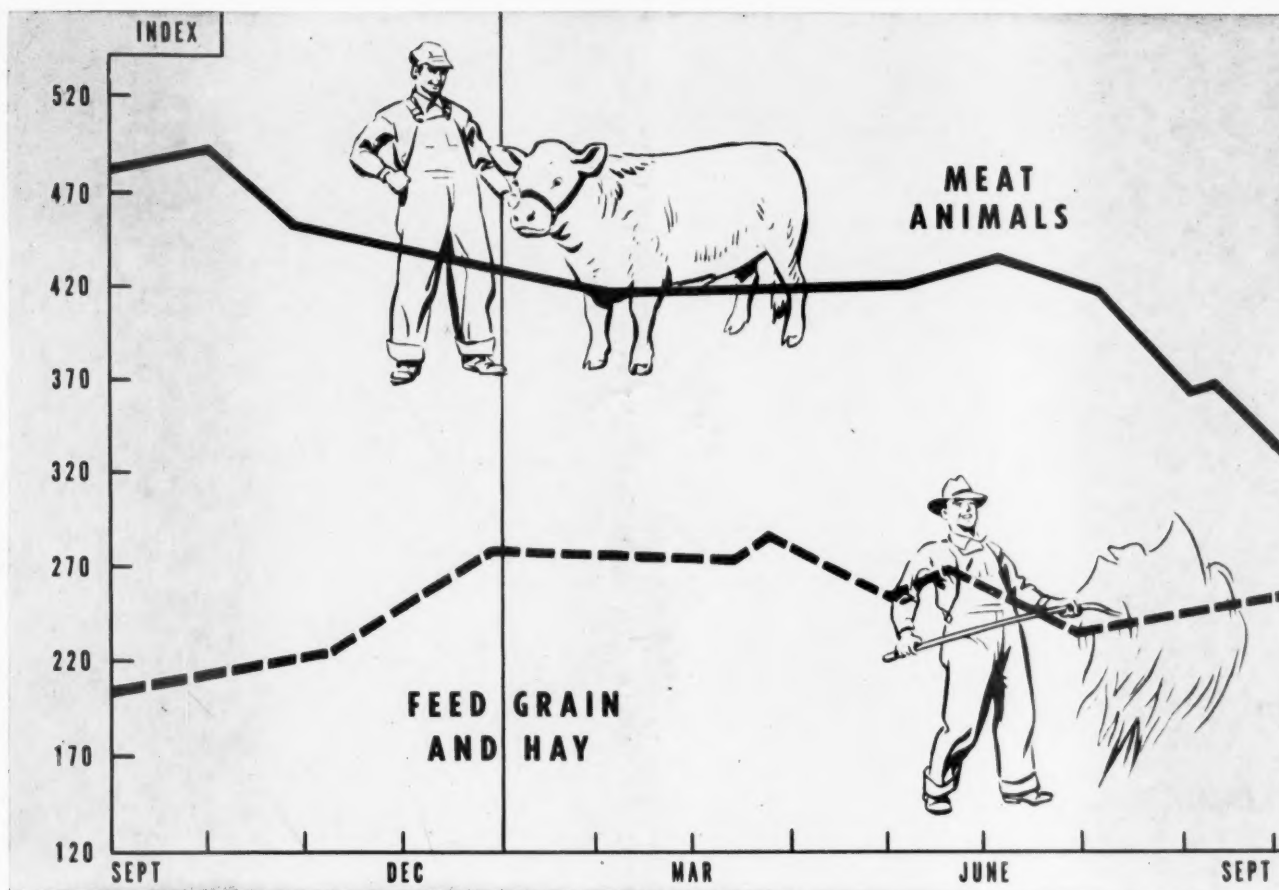
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